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INVADERS NEARING CANTON NOW.

MAIN KWANGSI ATTACK IMMINENT.

CANTON FORCES SHORTENING DEFENCE LINES.

ALL SHIPPING HELD UP.

All news reaching Hongkong to-day in regard to the situation at Canton supports the belief that events are rapidly coming to a head. It is clear, also, that the invading Kwangsi troops are pushing ahead and that they are within forty or fifty miles of Canton itself.

The invaders are said to be on the North River about fifteen miles from Samshui, which port is just over thirty miles from Canton. Fighting is expected in this region at any moment.

The military operations are necessarily interfering with shipping along the West River, and at present no British ships are being allowed to proceed above Canton.

Whilst officials in Canton continue to express themselves confident of the future, reports show that so far as the general populace is concerned the situation is markedly more tense than it has been for some days past.

Meanwhile, Cantonese planes are reported to be very active in carrying out raids on enemy positions, with, so official reports state, considerable success.

OFFICIALS STILL CONFIDENT.

News received in Hongkong from reliable sources this morning state that the Kwangsi forces are reported to be at Wing On, and also at a point fifteen miles from Samshui on the North River.

Fighting is expected in the Samshui district very shortly. At present, the Samshui reaches are reported closed to all traffic.

The situation in Canton itself, according to reports received in Hongkong is quiet.

No British ships are being allowed to proceed above Canton for the present.

Big Attack Imminent.

Canton, Dec. 4.

The main attack by the Kwangsi troops on Kwangtung, with Canton as the objective, seems imminent. It is reported that there have already been a number of clashes, and in confirmation of this many wounded soldiers were observed arriving in Canton this morning.

It is further reported that the main body of the Kwangsi troops are marching across country from the West River towards Tsing Yuen and intend to throw the full force of their attack on the right flank of the Cantonese armies.

The atmosphere here is very much more tense and opinion amongst the populace is very divided. Many declare that the Kwangsi troops are not strong enough to get through the Cantonese forces, whilst many others are of opinion that the fall of Canton itself is a matter of few days.

Officials Confident.

The officials here maintain a confident attitude, though certain circles lead one to believe that they are well prepared for any emergency which may occur.

It is reported from Samshui that some Cantonese gunboats have been in action just above there and that a number of officers and sailors of these gunboats have been killed and wounded.

Air raids are being carried out daily by large numbers of Cantonese aeroplanes. The authorities here claim that these raids are extremely effective and successful.

Kwangsi Tactics.

From the tactics adopted by the Kwangsi leaders it would seem that they are well aware of the strong defence positions of the Cantonese forces stretching from Samshui on the West River to Tsing Yuen on the North River, and that they are endeavouring to get right up to Tsing Yuen and either throw the full force of their attack on the right flank of the Cantonese, or, by crossing the river to attack directly from the North where the Cantonese have not yet prepared their defence.

THE MANCHURIAN ISSUE.

CHINA REPLIES TO BRITAIN.

"BRIEF, CONCILIATORY AND FRIENDLY."

MOSCOW'S COMMENT.

London, Dec. 4.

China's reply to the British Note on the Kellogg Pact which has been received from Nanking is brief, conciliatory and friendly.

The reply declares that China has always literally carried out Article Two of the Treaty which states that no signatory shall employ war as a settlement of an international dispute.

The reply also reiterates China's adherence to the Pact.—*Reuter.*

"Unfriendly" Intervention.

Moscow, Dec. 4.

The Soviet states that the signature of the Protocol at Nikolai-akusurik completes the first stage of the settlement of the Russo-Chinese conflict as regards the Chinese Eastern Railway and ex-

THREATENED BOYCOTT OF FAIRBANKS.

Chinese and Quee Incident in a Film.

WELCOME ASSURED.

Shanghai, Dec. 5.

Chinese circles here have cabled to Mr. Douglas Fairbanks assuring him of a welcome in Shanghai despite the threatened boycott due to an incident in the film "The Thief of Bagdad" in which Fairbanks pulled the queue of a Mongolian character.

This is now considered no slight on the Chinese nation.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

presses satisfaction at the refusal of Japan, Italy, and Germany to join in the "friendly" intervention sponsored by the United States and France whose interests conflict with the restoration of the joint Russo-Chinese management of the railway.—*Reuter.*

First Points.

Shanghai, Dec. 4.

The Manchurian representative, Mr. Tsai Yun-sheng told pressmen at Mukden that he desires first to settle with the Soviet delegates on the appointments of the Chief Manager and Assistant Manager of the Chinese Eastern Railway and the resumption of communications on the C.E.R. before commencing negotiations on other aspects of the Sino-Soviet dispute.

From Harbin a surprising message states that the departure from Soviet territory for Mukden of Mr. Tsai Yun-sheng is in accordance with instructions from Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang, the young ruler of the Manchurian Government, who feared the National Government at Nanking would object to direct negotiation with the Soviet.

In some quarters the arrival at Mukden of Mr. Tsai is regarded as an indication of a deadlock in the negotiations.

On the whole, the Manchurian situation has improved very much and there is a distinct absence of Soviet military activity.

Chinese Reply to Powers.

The Nanking Foreign Ministry this morning despatched Notes to the British and United States Governments announcing the resolution of the National Government to adhere to the spirit and words of the Anti-War Pact, adding that the Chinese would endeavour to effect a compromise with the Soviet Government through pacific and diplomatic channels.

Mukden Denial.

The spokesman of the Mukden Government this morning reiterated that the negotiations of Mr. Tsai with the Soviet delegates is not a

SERIOUS TROUBLE AT NANTAO.

COMMUNIST MOB BATTLES WITH POLICE.

MARTIAL LAW ORDER.

Shanghai, Dec. 5.

Developments of the utmost gravity are reported from the Chinese city of Nantao, which has been thrown into much turmoil by the activities of a Communist mob.

The trouble began when the mob, brandishing pistols and automatics, cut the electricity supply for the whole district.

The trouble-makers then got busy and set fire to a house, after which they came into conflict with the police.

A terrific battle, lasting an hour, then ensued between the Communists and the police force, but the situation later became more composed.

So far, sixteen arrests have been made, and these are believed to include some of the ringleaders of the affair.

Martial law has been declared, and, fearing further attacks, the Government offices are all being guarded.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

BRITISH LEGAL DISPUTES.

FUTURE OF PRIVY COUNCIL RAISED.

London, Dec. 4.

In the House of Commons, the Prime Minister, replying to a question, said no communications on the subject of an alternative to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council for settlement of legal disputes between members of the British Commonwealth of Nations had been received from any of His Majesty's Governments in the Dominions.

The whole subject could be most appropriately discussed at the next Imperial Conference.—*British Wireless.*

LOAD-LINE COMMITTEE REPORT.

INTERNATIONAL CONFER- ENCE TO BE CALLED.

London, Dec. 4.

The report of the Committee on the load-lines of merchant ships has been received by the Board of Trade, and, in accordance with its recommendations, it is proposed to summon as soon as possible an International Conference with the object of getting international agreement on the subject.—*British Wireless.*

NEW AIRSHIP BASE PROPOSED.

TO BE ESTABLISHED NEAR SAN DIEGO.

Washington, Nov. 4.

The Secretary for the Navy has recommended to Congress the establishment of a Naval dirigible base on the Pacific Coast, to be made at Camp Kearney, near San Diego.—*Reuter's American Service.*

LABOUR LEADER'S DEATH.

MR. JAMES NOONAN DIES AT WASHINGTON.

Washington, Nov. 4.

The death has occurred here of Mr. James Noonan, President of the Federation of Labour.—*Reuter's American Service.*

step on the part of the Mukden Government to sever relations with the National Government's Foreign Office.

The speaker asserts that the Mukden delegate has simply paved the way for coming formal negotiations which would be in the hands of the Nanking authorities.

The Mukden Government will not be subdued by the Soviet by force, concluded the Mukden official.

LIABILITIES OF MR. J. V. DODD.

BANKRUPTCY COURT PROCEEDINGS.

ADJUDICATION ORDER MADE BY COURT.

THREE OTHER CASES.

The name of Mr. John Valentine Dodd, former chief interpreter at the Supreme Court, now in Canton, was again mentioned in the Bankruptcy Court this morning before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) when the Official Receiver, Mr. E. L. Agassiz, made an application for adjudication. Debtor was absent.

Mr. Agassiz said that the case was before his Lordship at the last Court when he applied for a release of the receiving order. It was a salary case with very large liabilities and debtor had no assets except his salary. At one time he obtained employment with Mr. J. M. D'Almeida Remedios and held a position for one month, after which he lost it.

It would appear, continued Mr. Agassiz, at that time there was but little possibility of Mr. Dodd's obtaining work and last time the

NO NEW EXTRALITY DEVELOPMENT.

Question to be Raised in Near Future at Nanking.

ONDON CONVERSATIONS.

London, Dec. 4.

It is learned from a Chinese source here that there has been no fresh development as regards China's intention to abolish extraterritoriality as from January 1, 1930.

The matter has been the subject of conversations with Mr. Alfred Sze, the Minister for China, since he arrived in London, and it is believed that the matter will come up at Nanking soon when the British Minister arrives there.—*Reuter.*

case was adjourned because the application had not been personally served upon Mr. Dodd, as he was out of the jurisdiction.

Permanent Job.

Since then, he had obtained employment with a firm at Shamen, which appeared to be permanent, and a letter had been received from his employer who was prepared to stop \$80 a month out of Mr. Dodd's salary as long as his employment continued.

In the circumstances, Mr. Agassiz asked his Lordship to adjudicate. The creditors who attended the first meeting proposed adjudication and if adjudication was not now granted it seemed difficult to know what would happen. Execution might be issued but no one would get any money as far as could be seen. The application was was granted.

Fish Firm's Affairs.

The affairs of a former Hongkong revenue employee were discussed when Wong Hop-choy, one of the partners in the Chuen Kee fish stall, was publicly examined by the Official Receiver.

Mr. Agassiz told his Lordship that three partners had already been examined and Wong Hop-choy was a fourth partner. At one stage witness said he left his employment to look after a fish business in Canton left to him by his mother.

Replying to the Official Receiver, Wong Hop-choy admitted that he was a partner in the firm and stated that he was living at No. 143, Queen's Road Central, second floor. His share in the firm was \$2,000 and since the bankruptcy proceedings started he had been in Canton. He said that another fish firm trading in Canton had had its licence cancelled by the Government and he went there to see if he could recover the licence. He was in Hongkong immediately before the

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ROWDY SCENES IN REICHSTAG.

COMMUNISTS CREATE MUCH PANDEMONIUM.

SEVEN EXPELLED.

Berlin, Dec. 4.

Shouts of "Bloodhound Murderer!" resounded through the Reichstag during the first reading of a Bill for the protection of the Republic.

The Communists did their utmost to prevent the Minister of the Interior from speaking. They blew whistles and yelled whenever the Minister rose.

Eventually, six Communists were expelled for a week, whilst one who refused to leave was removed by the police.

The new Bill is almost similar to one which expired in July, but it contains a clause forbidding the ex-Kaiser from returning to Germany.

The disintegration of the Nationalist Party is overshadowing all else. Twelve prominent Deputies have already seceded, and it is generally whispered that the Party has now lost its brains.—*Reuter.*

GERMAN NATIONAL PARTY.

DISINTEGRATION BECOMES PRONOUNCED.

Berlin, Dec. 4.

The disintegration of the German National Party is assuming unexpected proportions.

The *Lokal-Anzeiger* estimates that the Party, which now has 78 seats in the Reichstag, will lose at least twenty members objecting to the policy of the party leader, Herr Bogenberg.

Count Westarp has resigned the leadership of the party in the Reichstag.—*Reuter.*

CUP COMPETITION REPLAYS.

EXTRA TIME FRUITLESS IN TWO MATCHES.

London, Dec. 4.

The following are the results of the replays between teams who drew on Saturday when playing in the first round proper of the English Cup competition:

Dagenham	0	Barry	1
Shildon	1	Doncaster	1
Chatterfield	3	Southport	2
Port Vale	5	Gainsboro'	0
Folkestone	2	Clapton O.	2

The match between Dagenham and Barry was played at West Ham, the others on the grounds of the first named. Extra time was played by Shildon and Doncaster and also by Folkestone and Clapton Orient without a definite result accruing.—*Reuter.*

DOMINIONS AND SHIPPING.

LEGISLATION CONFERENCE CONCLUDES.

London, Dec. 4.

The Conference on the operation of Dominion legislation and merchant shipping legislation concluded to-day.

A unanimous report has been made, and, in accordance with the terms of reference, has been submitted to the respective Governments.

The publication of this report must be deferred until every Government has had an opportunity of considering it.—*British Wireless.*

MINISTER MUZZLED?

QUESTION ON BASE GOES UNANSWERED.

London, Dec. 4.

In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Ormsby-Gore asked whether any new expenditure was involved in delaying the work on the Singapore Base and also whether the contractors claimed the break clause in their contracts.

Mr. A. V. Alexander replied that he was unable to answer the question.—*Reuter.*

RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA.

DEBATED IN HOUSE OF LORDS.

MOTION AGAINST GOVT. POLICY CARRIED.

PROPAGANDA CHECK.

London, Dec. 4.

The House of Lords to-day carried by 43 votes to 21 a motion proposed by Lord Birkenhead "that the diplomatic recognition of the Soviet Government is at present undesirable."

The Debate was initiated by Lord Birkenhead who called attention to the recent Soviet revolutionary propaganda and invited a statement of the policy of the Government.

Lord Thomson, replying for the Government, said a pledge would be reciprocally affirmed between the Anglo-Soviet Governments on the resumption of diplomatic relations and would provide that "the contracting parties solemnly affirm their desire and intention to live in peace and amity with each other, to scrupulously respect the undoubted right of a State to order its own life within its own jurisdiction and in its own way; to refrain from and restrain all persons and organisations under their direct and indirect control, including organisations in receipt of any financial assistance from them, from any act overt or other liable in any way whatever to endanger any part of the British Empire or the Union of Socialist and Soviet Republics."

Should Not Have Been Broken.

Lord Thomson said the policy of the Government was to resume normal diplomatic relations with Russia with the least possible delay and at the same time to safeguard British interests, not only in this country, but through the world.

The Government wanted to contribute to the maintenance of world peace and to expand British trade. It was the Government's view that relations with the Soviet Government should never have been broken off. A policy of refusing relations because they would not accept the promises of the Soviet Government was a policy of despair. It would mean that the present state of affairs would continue indefinitely.

Ambassadors had not yet been exchanged and the pledge regarding propaganda had not yet been given. The Government had not renounced, and would not renounce, their right to take any measure they might think necessary to check foreign subversive propaganda from whatever source it might emanate.

The Third Internationale.

Lord Brentford asked whether, in face of that declaration, if propaganda continued either in Britain or in the Empire instigated by the Russian Government, their envoy would be sent out again.

Lord Thomson replied, "If it is instigated by the Russian Government most certainly."

Lord Birkenhead.—Including the Third Internationale?

Lord Thomson.—Yes.

He added that the British Government was not blind to the fact that its interpretation of that pledge included the Third Internationale had been questioned in the Soviet Press, but the British Government had not renounced the right to take any measures it deemed necessary to check foreign subversive propaganda from wherever it might emanate.

"In Our Best Interests."

Lord Thomson said he did not want to leave the impression that propaganda would cease as if by magic. "It could not, in the nature of things, with a body like the Third Internationale."

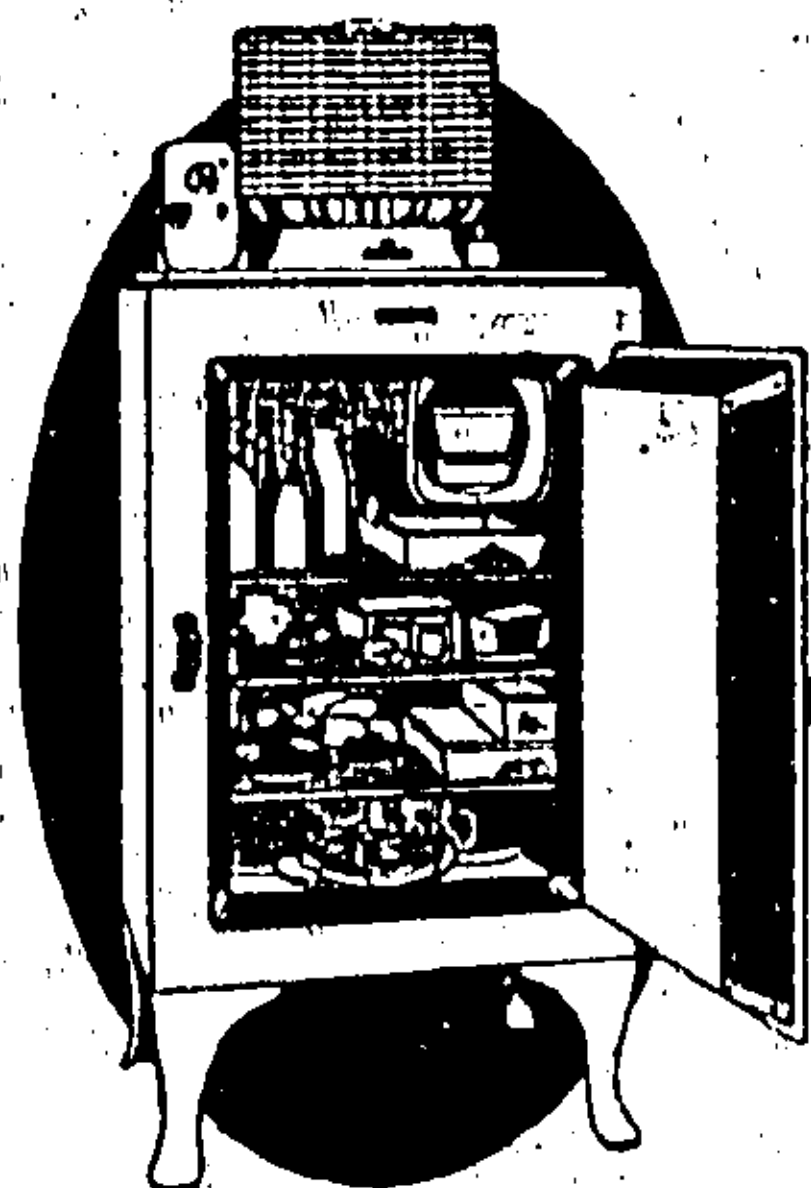
Regarding the argument that relations should not be resumed with a country where atrocities and executions had taken place he said the Government did not condone the atrocities but regretted the executions but they believed that a resumption of relations with Russia would tend to diminish the system of executions and atrocities which still prevailed there.

"We believe that it is in the best interests of our country to resume relations with Russia. It is absolutely indispensable for the general peace of the world and that

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MONEY LOAN CASE.

ACTION TO RECOVER \$1,000 FROM MEMBER.

Money alleged to be due to the head of a former Money Loan Association by one of the members formed the subject of an action, which was commenced in the Summary Court yesterday afternoon before the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Woods). The plaintiff, Ng See-chan, No. 115, Wing Lok Street, sued Wong Ming-cheung, No. 20, Wo Hing Sai Street. Previously the claim was for \$1,300 and the case was being prepared for presentation before the Chief Justice in Original Jurisdiction, but it was transferred to Summary Jurisdiction for which purpose plaintiff waived \$300, leaving the amount claimed \$1,000.

Mr. M. M. Watson was for plaintiff and Mr. F. X. D'Almada, senior, was for the defence.

Plaintiff stated in evidence that he was the head of the Association which consisted of 12 members, contributions at each monthly meeting being \$200, less the amount tendered. Defendant drew the highest tender at the third meeting but went to Wuchow afterwards and did not attend other meetings. Three meetings later plaintiff saw defendant and asked him for his contributions but defendant said his shop was closing and he had no money. He asked plaintiff to pay for him, saying he would repay later. Plaintiff alleged that he paid six sums of \$200 each for defendant, for six meetings, making \$1,200 altogether.

Loan Refused.

Plaintiff continued that he later met defendant in a shop belonging to So Sai-pui when defendant said he had no money and asked plaintiff to raise a loan to pay. This plaintiff did but defendant refused to accept it because he would have to pay interest. This evidence was corroborated by So Sai-pui who said that defendant offered \$400 on account which plaintiff refused.

According to the defence, defendant should have received \$2,154.50 on his drawing but he only received \$1,200. Plaintiff did not pay the balance of \$954.50 but retained that sum to pay defendant's further monthly contributions until the seventh meeting. From the eighth meeting until the eleventh meeting (that being the last) defendant alleged that he had paid \$200 regularly each month and denies that he asked plaintiff to pay for him.

The hearing will be continued this morning.

LOCAL RENTS.

PROPERTY OWNERS MEETING.

The Committee of the Property Owners' Association held a meeting on Tuesday at their headquarters, No. 8 Queen's Road, Central, in response to letters received from several members regarding the agitation of a certain section of the Chinese community against high rents in this Colony.

Mr. T. N. Chau presided, and others present were Messrs. Li Hing-tung, Li Koon-chun, D. Jackman, Ip Lan-chuen, Tang Shiu-kin, Lo Yuk-long, and Tsol Ki-nam.

The Chairman stated that representations had been made to the Association to take some action that would in a measure counteract a totally wrong impression which might be spread abroad through the incorrect and uncalled for assertion that rents generally throughout the Colony at the present time are excessive.

The arguments contained in the several letters received were discussed and a brief summary is given hereunder.

The rise or fall of rentals can never have any effect whatever on the state of trade in general in Hongkong, which has admittedly been in a state of emergency since 1925; on the other hand the depressed condition of business has been responsible for steady decrease in rents. During the past four or five years office and shop rentals have fallen considerably, and even in the Central part of the City to-day, there is no lack of offices or shops to let. However low office and shop rent may be, this will not tend to make commerce any more prosperous or flourishing. It seems hardly logical for business men to suggest rent control as a panacea for the abominable state of trade, as rent after all is only one (and not the principal one) of the items of overhead expenses; it would be just as reasonable to advocate the control of other items such as wages, interest, salaries and prices of food and necessities, or even regulating the cost of merchandise.

It was unanimously agreed that any re-enactment of rent restriction legislation would not only tend to retard the commercial progress of the Colony, but would also greatly diminish the value of Hongkong as a sound stable centre for the investment of capital.

Rents Decreased.

The complaint of high (not necessarily excessive) rent is justified perhaps in respect of the congested area situated in the central part of Victoria and the European type of residential buildings in or adjacent to the principal business centre. Apart from these, the rental of domestic dwellings in the Colony is low at the present time; in fact the rents in some districts have decreased by from 30 to 50 per cent. since the end of the property boom, early in 1924. Outside the congested area the number of empty houses has been gradually increasing and landlords are far from having it all their own way. During the past year or so, especially at the time of the winter shortage, there was a considerable exodus from Hongkong to the suburbs of Kowloon, but in all suburban or rural districts the supply of houses just now exceeds the demand, and in many cases the property owner is not receiving an adequate return on his outlay.

The high rentals obtaining in the Chinese quarter of the Central district in Victoria is not, in most cases, an excessive return on the capital invested, property in this area changing hands so often at increased prices, which prices are governed absolutely by the law of supply and demand, and if tenants insist on residing in this quarter instead of the cheaper suburban districts, they have only themselves to blame. With regard to the European type dwelling houses in the urban or semi-urban areas the position is much the same—the demand exceeding the supply. Further from the City, European type houses are being let at a comparatively low rentals, and many are still vacant. On the whole, however, the European type of

KOCHOW SOLD AGAIN.

\$40,000 PAID FOR RIVER STEAMER.

The a.s. Kochow, which was sold to Mrs. Chan, Yuk-hing, last week by public auction for \$60,000, was again put up for sale yesterday at the China Auction Rooms, owing to the fact that the purchaser could not pay 20 per cent. of the price at the fall of the hammer as required by the conditions of sale.

Mr. Li Wong-wo, offered \$40,000 for the vessel and there being no other offer, the vessel was knocked down to him for that sum.

At the sale last week, Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa, the auctioneer said that as the Kochow had just left the dock, she was in excellent condition. For the convenience of the purchaser, the European officers had been retained.

The Kochow now lies at Shamshui-po ready for sea.

dwelling house is on a less favourable footing than the Chinese type of dwelling house; the former costing practically double the latter to build over the same area, and until some cheaper method of construction can be devised, the rent of a European type dwelling house must be high when compared with that of a Chinese type structure.

Supply and Demand.

The regulating of house rentals is indisputably beyond the power of landlords or any other body of men and is entirely governed by the natural law of supply and demand. If the supply exceeds the demand, rents go down; if the demand exceeds the supply, rents go up. The only apparent solution of the problem then is to increase the supply. The re-enactment of the Rents Restriction Ordinance would certainly not help to increase the supply of houses in the congested area—the only district where the position is acute for the simple reason that there is no more land in that area on which to build; on the contrary, such re-enactment would have a most detrimental effect. The source of supply is greatly dependent upon the capital brought into this Colony by those who seek a safe and profitable investment, and there is no gainsaying the fact that any restriction of rents or undue interference with the ordinary rights of ownership would deter the investor, particularly the Chinese investor, from putting his money into property here. The atmosphere of doubt, instability, and insecurity which such restriction would create would also be fatal in other respects to the interests of the Colony.

Recently a suggestion has been made that the law should be altered to provide for a longer period than one month when a landlord gives his tenant notice to quit. This law has been in practice here uninterruptedly for nearly ninety years, and the suggestion that it should now be altered is a novel one. Such alteration would obviously be of advantage to a tenant over his unreasonable and rapacious landlord, but there is, of course, another side to the question. Would the new law at the same time protect the patient accommodating landlord from the slippery dishonest tenant who subtly and silently removes his furniture and belongings without paying the rent? Unfortunately this class of tenant is to be found in increasing numbers of late.

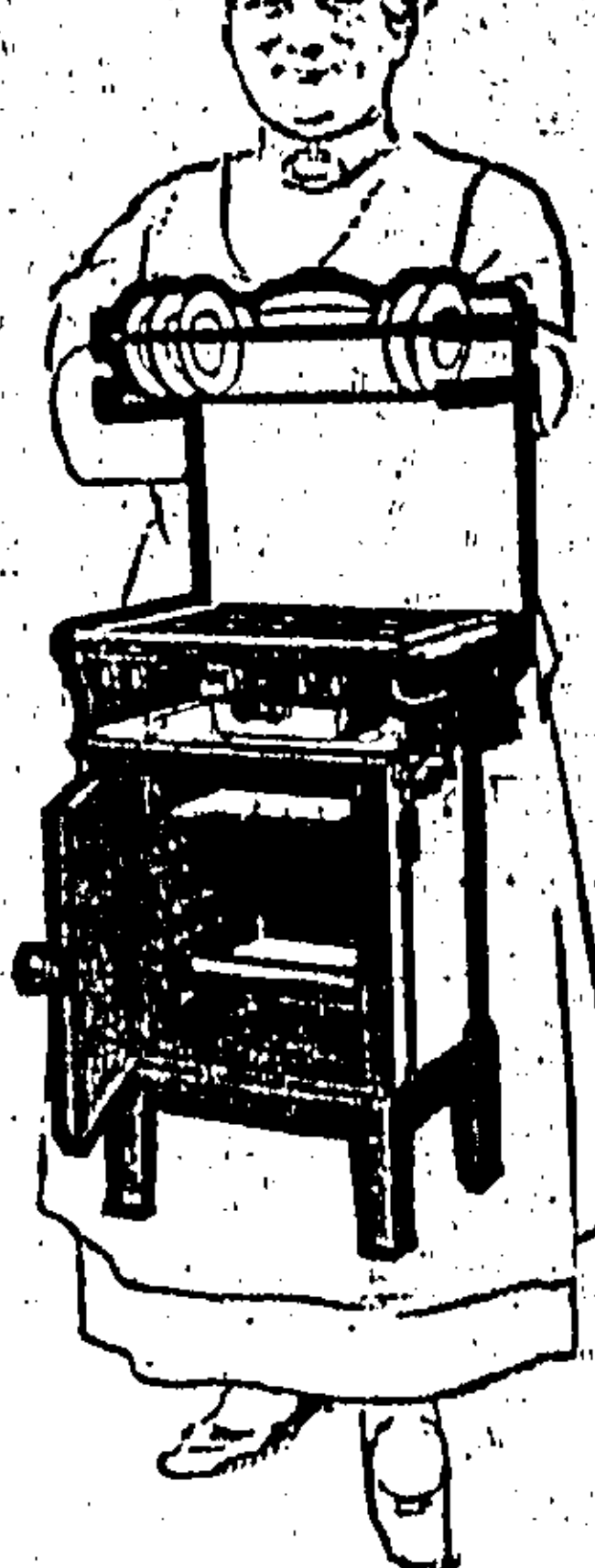
The conclusion arrived at by the meeting was that no legislation can ever solve the rent or housing problem, that the accusation against property owners generally of demanding an excessive return on their outlay is unfounded, and that the interests of both landlords and tenants would be best served if sole attention be devoted to reducing the cost of construction and increasing the housing accommodation in the Colony.—Contributed.

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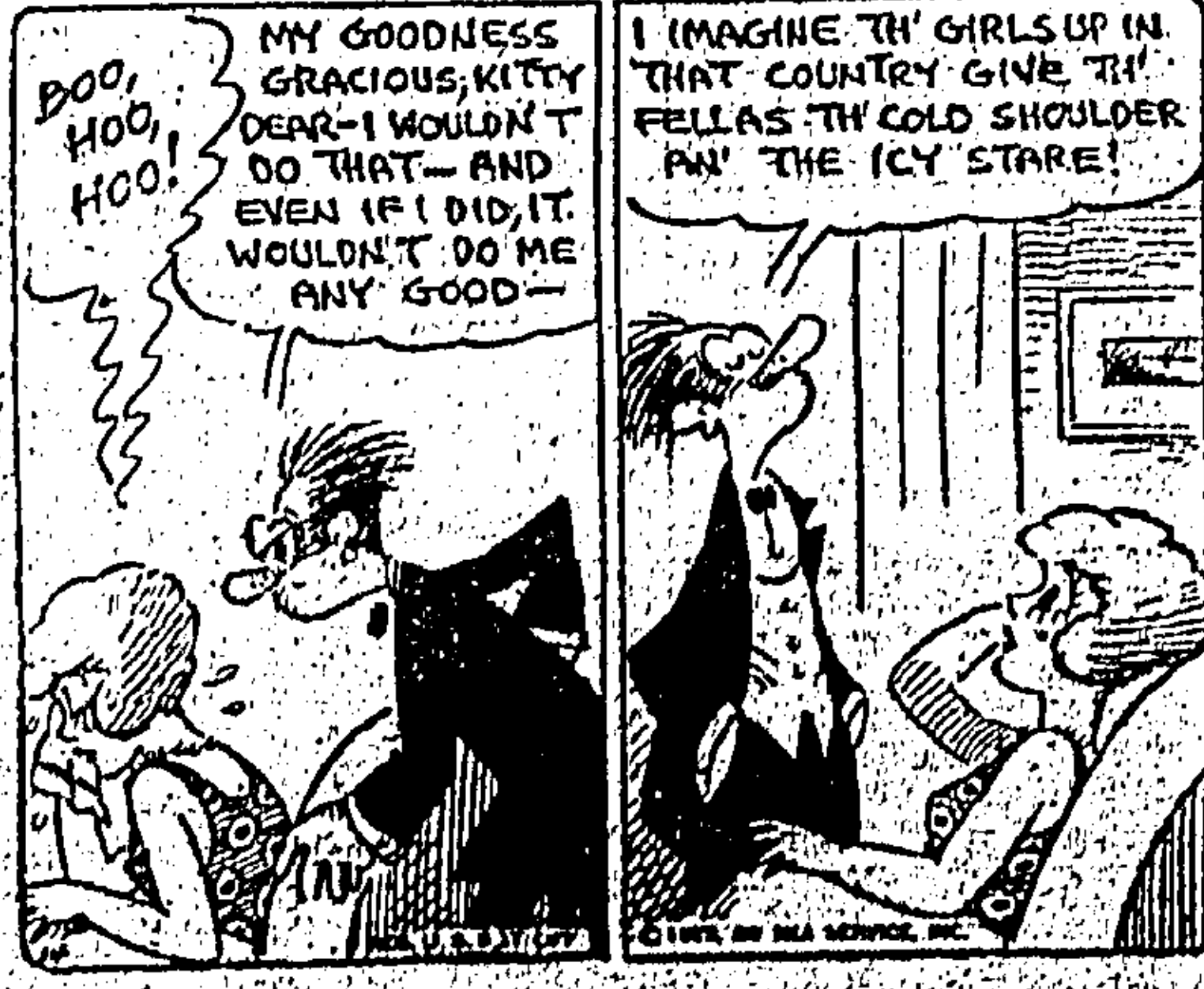
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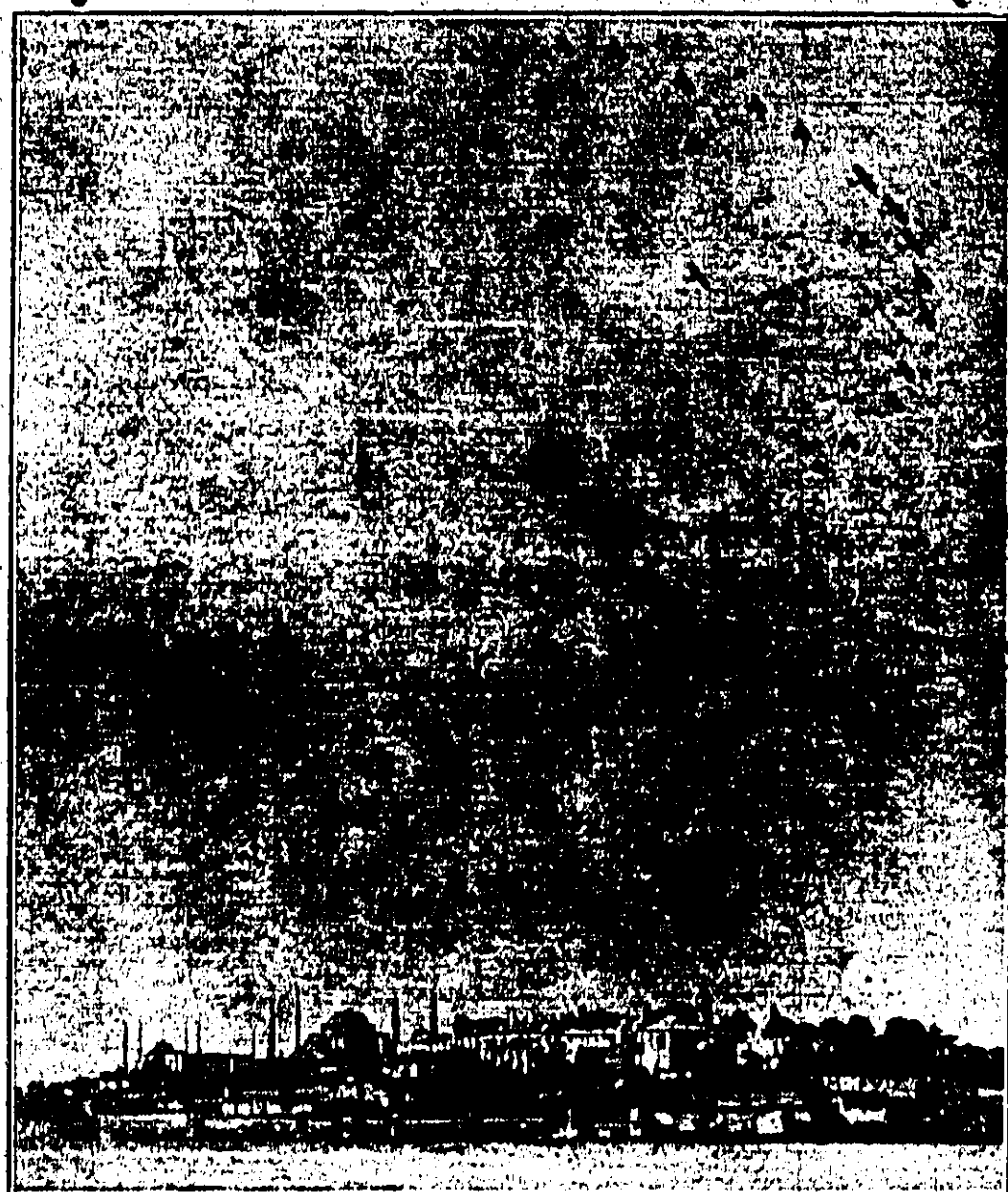
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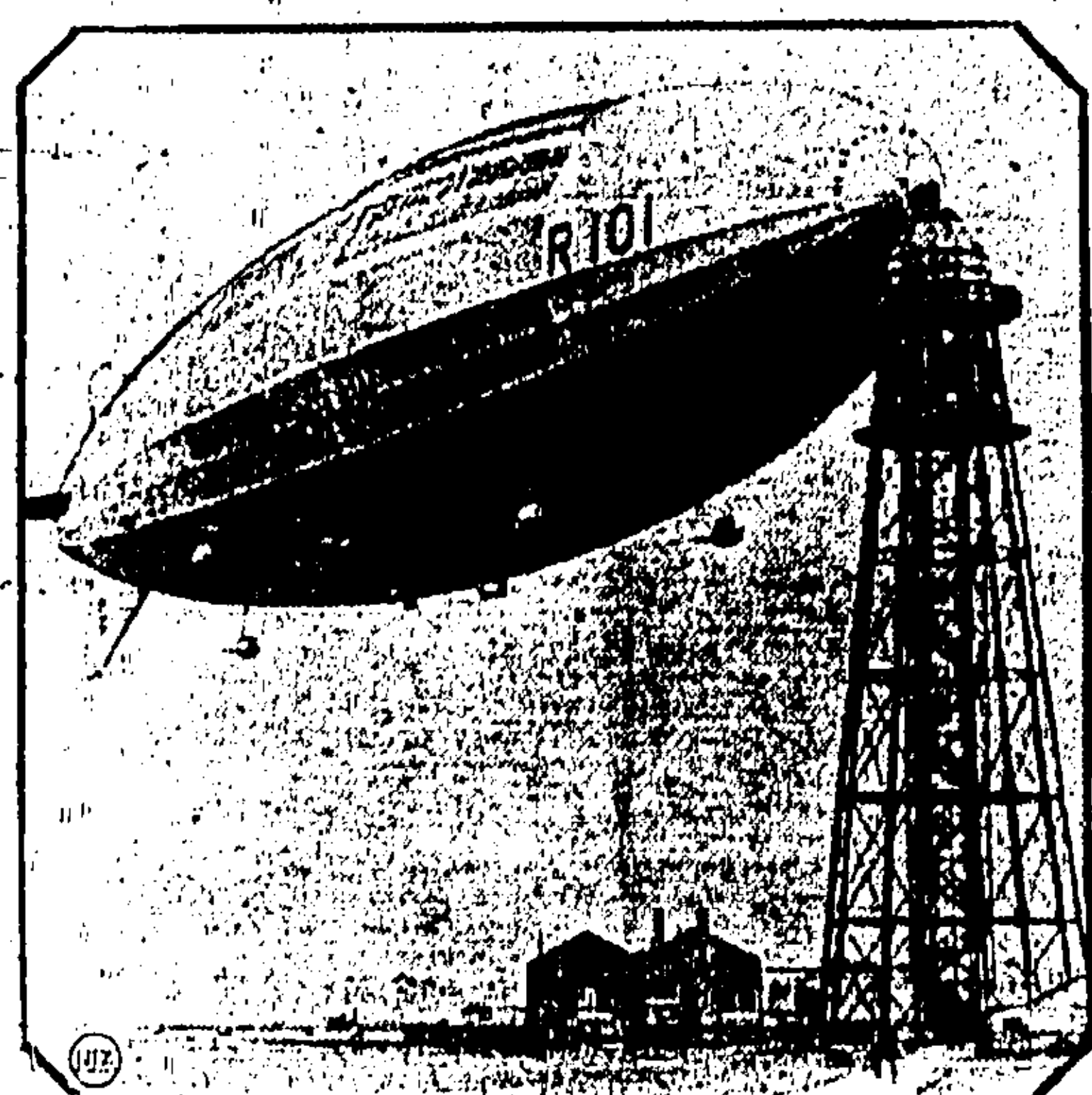




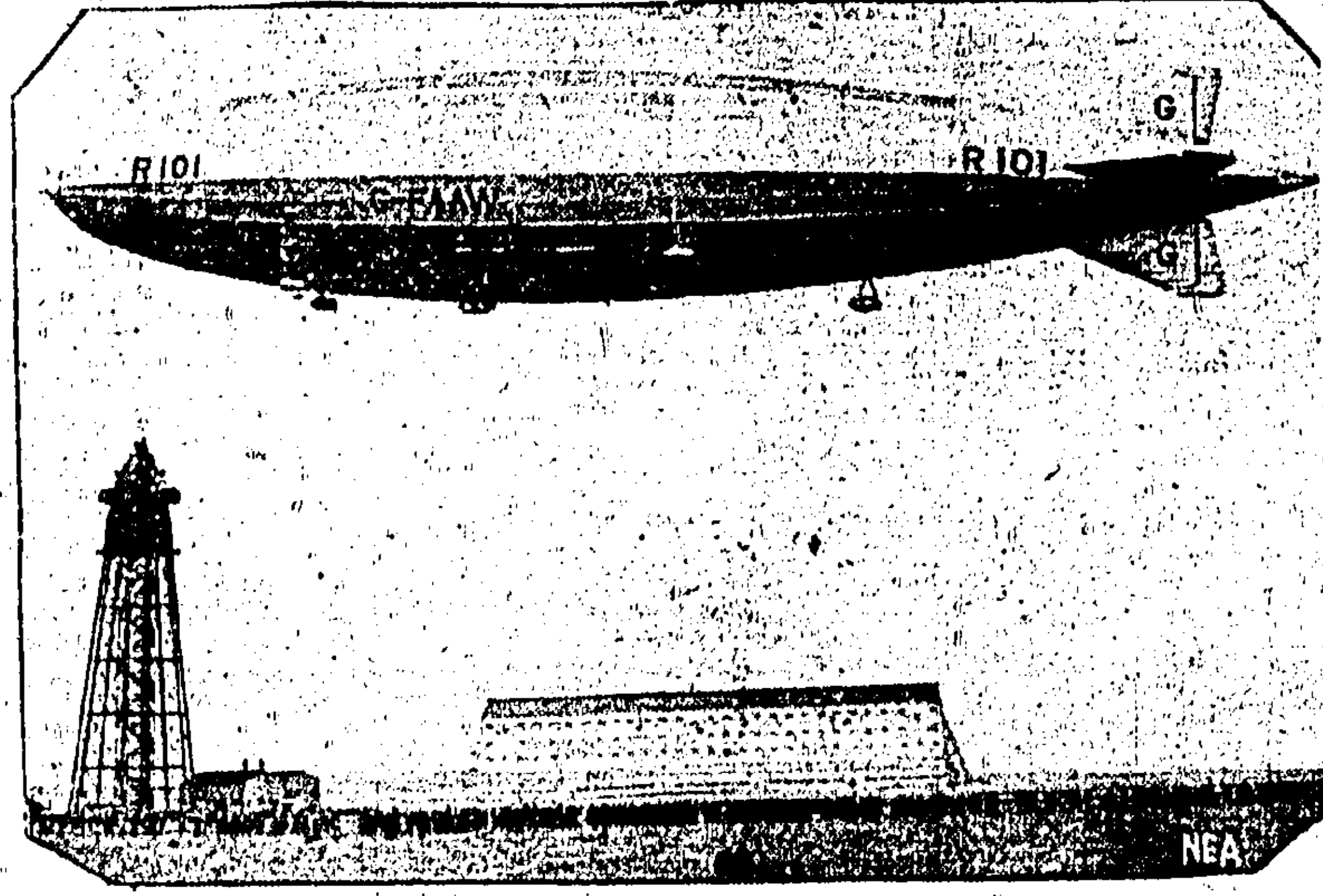
During the visit to Constantinople, of the British naval squadron, pilots of the Fleet Air Arm, operating from H. M. Aircraft-Carrier Courageous, gave a display over the city. At the conclusion the machines flew, as in our picture, in the formation of the Crescent and Star, a compliment to Turkey, which evoked great enthusiasm. (Times copyright).



The captivating show given at the Star Theatre last night by the Samoan Dancers will be repeated this evening, this being the last opportunity to be given of seeing them. Above is Princess Roselani, one of the star performers.



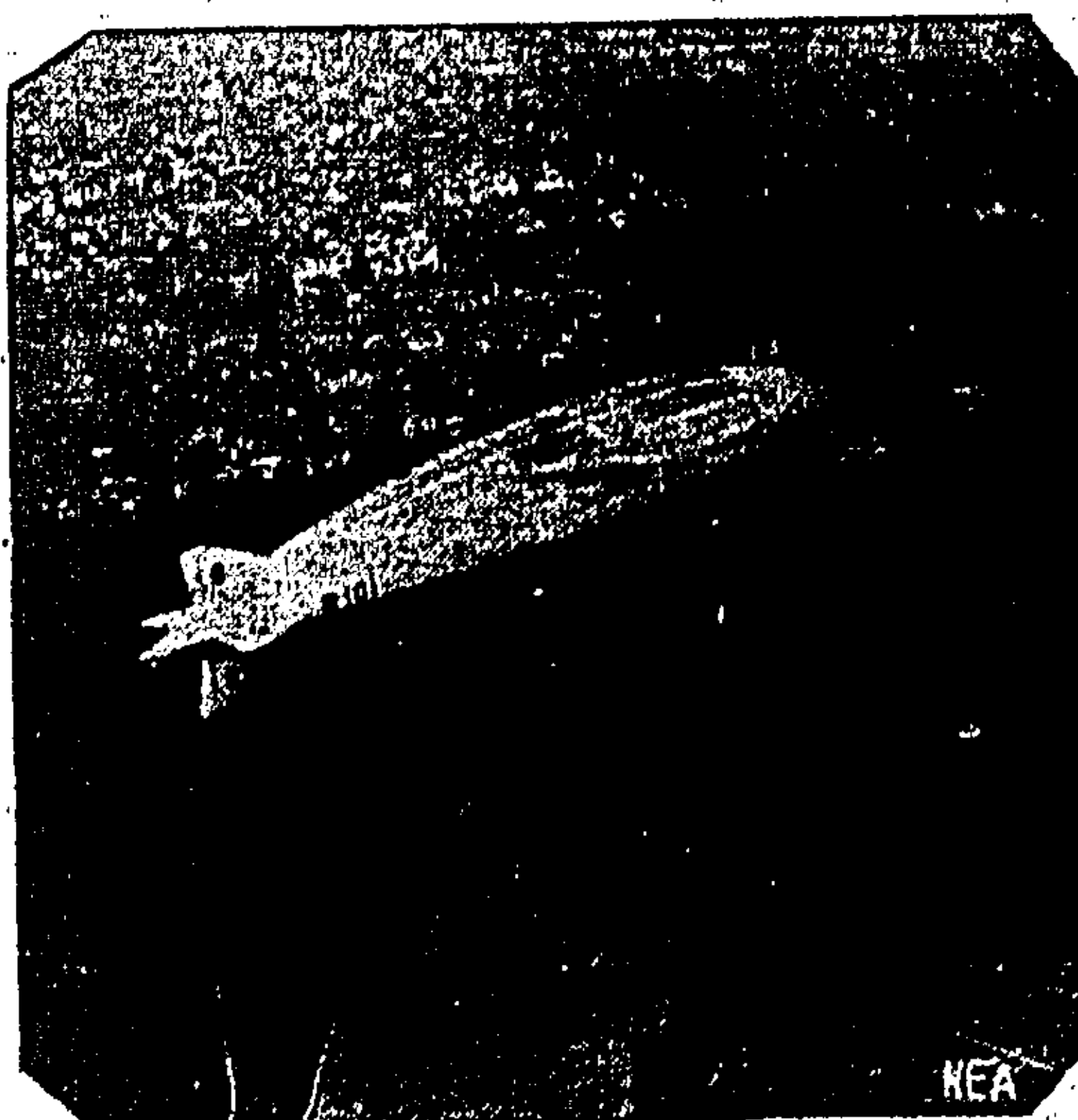
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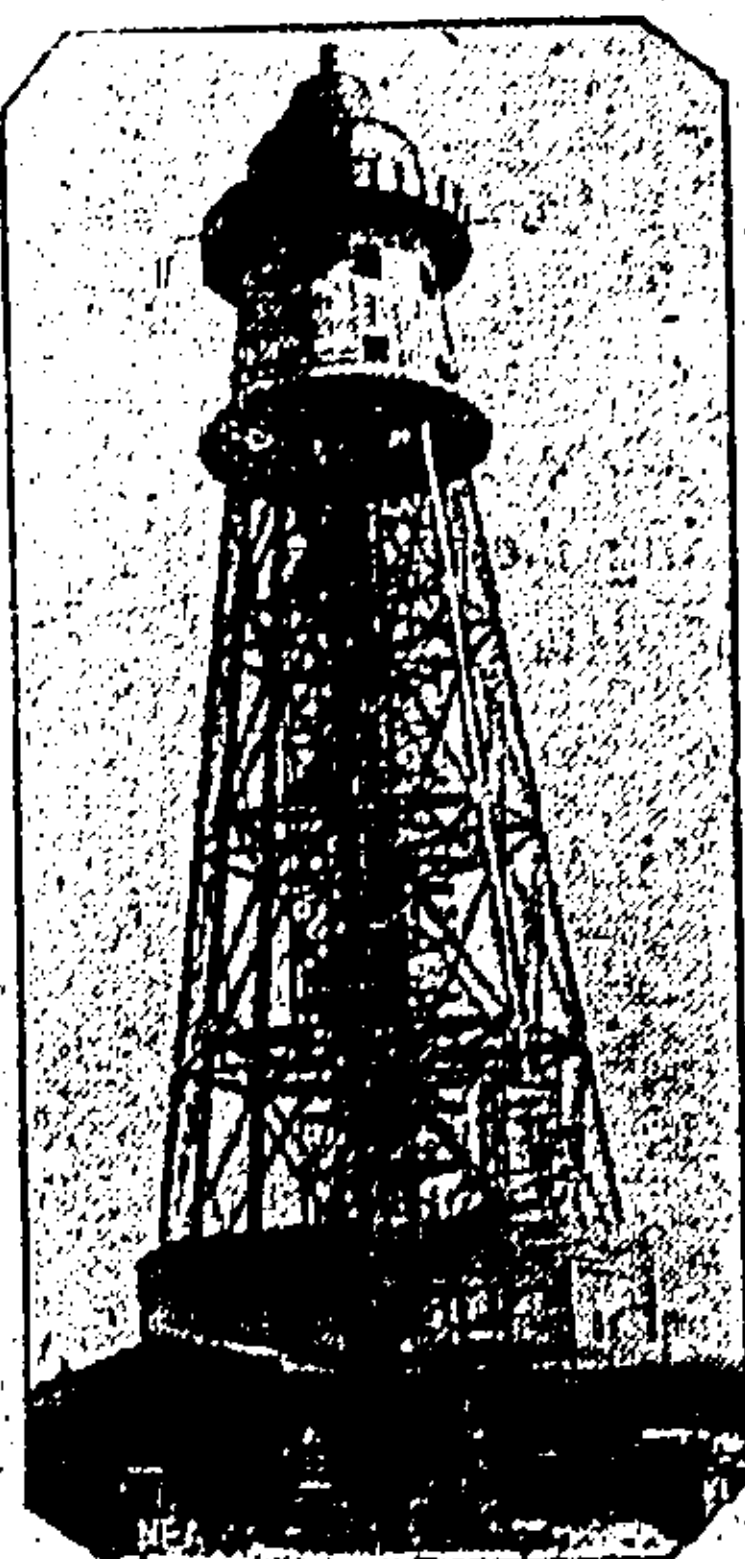
Some of the contingent of Scottish fisher girls on the quayside at Yarmouth preparing herrings for export. (Times copyright).



Two thousand feet up, the new British airship, R.101 is shown during its voyage over London.



Above is a scene from a production which is to be given in Shanghai shortly by the German A.D.C.

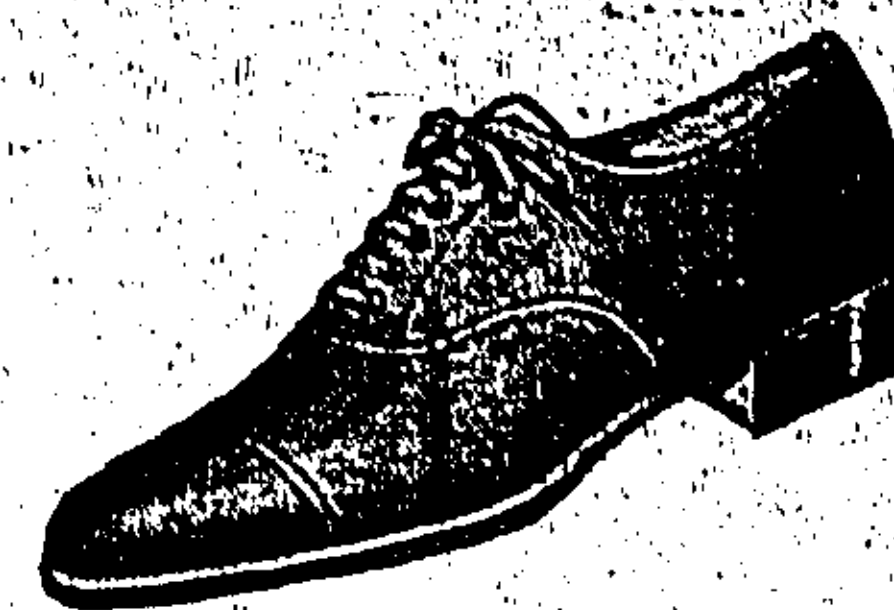


A mooring-mast which has been erected near Montreal for the accommodation of R.101.



Drummers of the 1st Battalion, the Border Regiment, on parade at Bordon, Hampshire, during the 118th anniversary of the battle of Arras-de-Molines. (Times copyright).

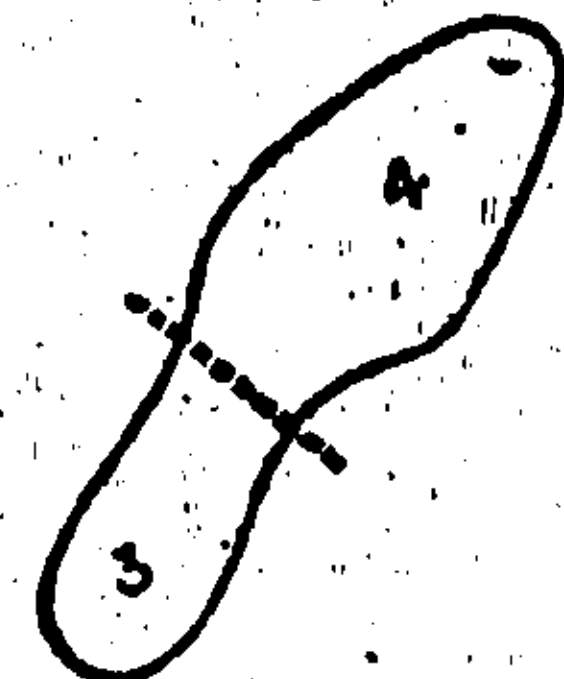
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(Left to right) A smart little black and white sports ensemble has a flaring grey kid carnal jacket. An oscar long coat has a turn-down high collar, straight sleeves and flaring back. Smart and very new is the short jacket of leopard topping a tete de negre ensemble.

Of Interest.

GLOVES AND SCARVES.

Scarves and gloves to match, are fashion's latest decree for the winter months. The gloves are made of soft kid with wide gauntlet cuffs of several shades of toning kid. A pair of, putty coloured gloves has wide cuffs composed of strips of beige, brown, and two shades of green. The matching scarf is about four inches in width, widening towards the ends, which are finished to match the cuffs of the gloves. These are ideal for wear with tweed suits and coats trimmed with leather.

Powder Bowls.

Powder bowls of elaborate designs are being shown in the shops, now that the time for present-giving approaches. A large bowl of pink alabaster is supported on the heads of four gilded figures, which stand on a base of pink alabaster. Another affair of white alabaster, encased in silver gilt, rests on the shoulders of four gilded women, in sitting position, each holding, and apparently admiring, a string of minute pearls.

Head Buttonholes.

Buttonholes are apparently to be popular again this winter, and some most attractive examples are made of glass bugles, coloured in various pastel shades and arranged in the shape of tiny flower sprays.

Jewellery Handbags.

Many women like to carry some of their jewellery about with them, and so will welcome the new handbags, which have a firm receptacle at the base for trinkets. They are small in size, and of the "sac" shape, and the oblong receptacle for the jewellery has its own fastening. These bags may be had in leathers of many colours to match coats and costumes.

Glass Hat.

A smart but fragile hat for the winter months is made of black felt and entirely covered with thin

A Beauty Hint.

WHEN YOU USE LIPSTICK.

A do-over-street beauty specialist who gives her clients special lessons in make-up finds that the most difficult art is that of applying lipstick.

So that it will last all day without frequent recourse to the handbag, the outline is first traced with indelible lip-pencil. A rather high cupid's bow is drawn. When the lipstick is applied it is put on at the centre only, and is then smeared with the finger towards the corners of the mouth.

The under-lip is made to look rather less full than the upper lip, and the colour is deepest in the centre, growing paler towards the outer corners.

layers of glass. The glass is cut in the shape of pointed leaves, and firmly attached to the felt, while the hat itself is made in a severe helmet shape, and has a short veil of black tulle hanging from each side.

Coral Jewellery.

Coral chips are still popular for decorating frocks and hats, and for necklaces, and one of the latest designs shows a thick, twisted rope of coral chips forming a long necklace, with a bracelet to match.

Telephone Screens.

The large and decorative figures for so long have now been superseded by a lighter and more easily moved screen, which hides the phone equally well. The screen, which is three-sided, is made of thin layers of wood, covered with velvet and edged with gold ribbon, and a dainty lady, made of brightly coloured tulle, decorates the front.

Vanity Cases.

A small case which combines scent spray, lipstick, and powder block and puff, is a most useful "gadget" for the handbag. The

Parisian Styles.

THE SCARF CRAZE COMING.

Some of the most extraordinary patterns are shown in the new scarves, for Paris is going to see such a flood of scarves this season as to rival even the fox-fur tie, which the Parisienne loves to wear with her tailored suit.

One of the most amusing designs is encrusted on the ends of a scarf of crepe de chine, and shows the four aces, hearts, clubs, diamonds and spades.

Another is worked in silk thread, and, by an ingenious arrangement of black and white circles, shows the face of a little black nigger, and just behind him, the head of a little white boy. Then there is a group of figures composed of a series of straight lines, suggesting the movement and excitement of a jazz dance.

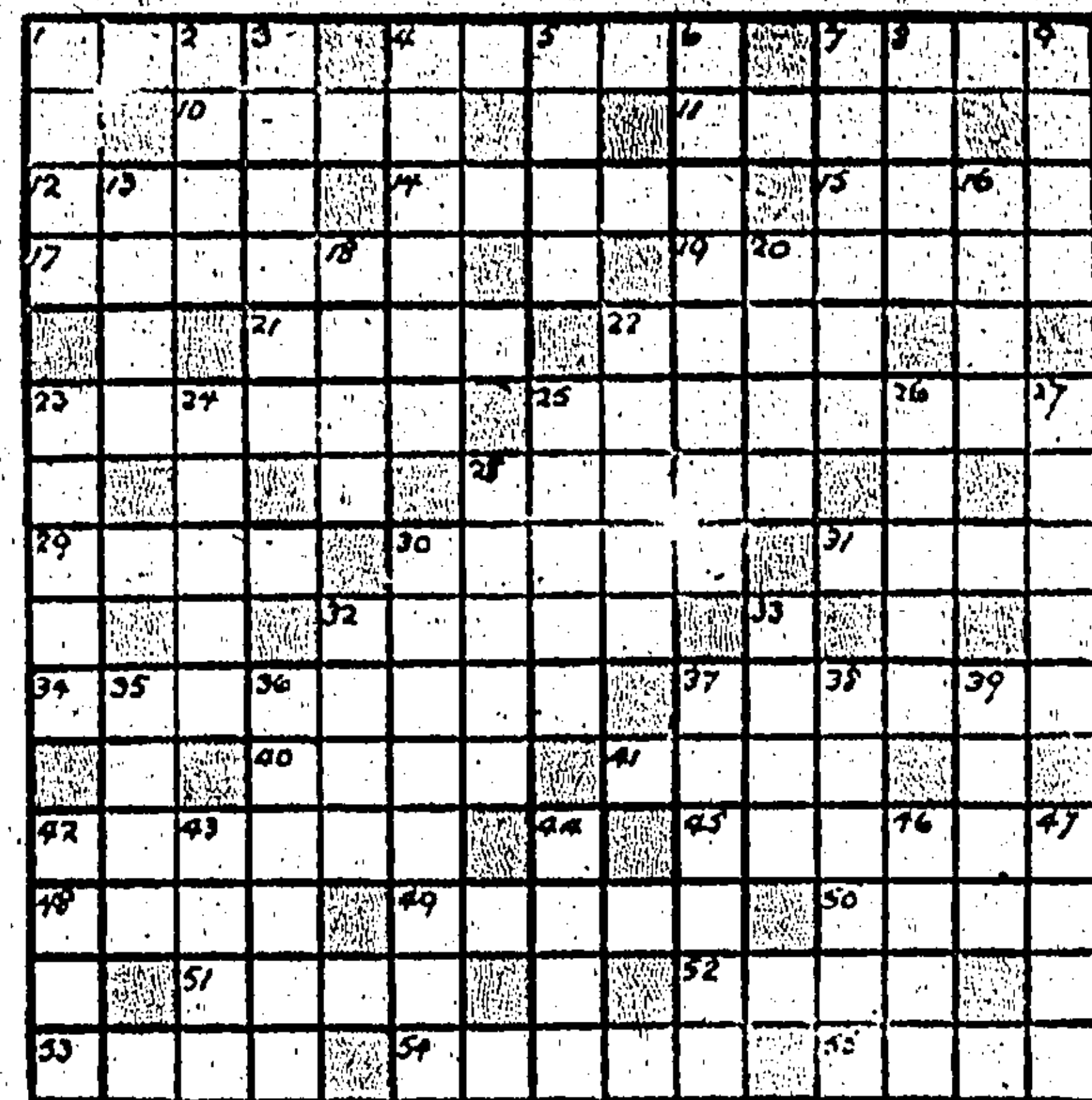
Bows.

Bows are greatly favoured in Paris, large bows placed at the back of the deep décolletée of an evening dress, bows whose ends ripple down the back to form a train, large bows placed on the hips, with ends falling below the uneven hem line. Bows of contrasting colour and material are placed on the front of dresses in the centre of the waistline. Bows are applied and outlined in beads, Rhinestones, or strass. Bows are put at the neckline.

Several tiny bows are used as trimming on bodices and on cuffs. Little bows of printed ribbon are placed in the buttonholes of tailored costumes. Enormously big bows, minutely tiny bows, shiny bows, dull bows—all bows are fashionable.

cases are designed on the lines of a pair of opera glasses, the perfume being at one end and the lipstick at the other, leaving a space in the centre for powder. They can be obtained in lizard skin, black-green, or gold.

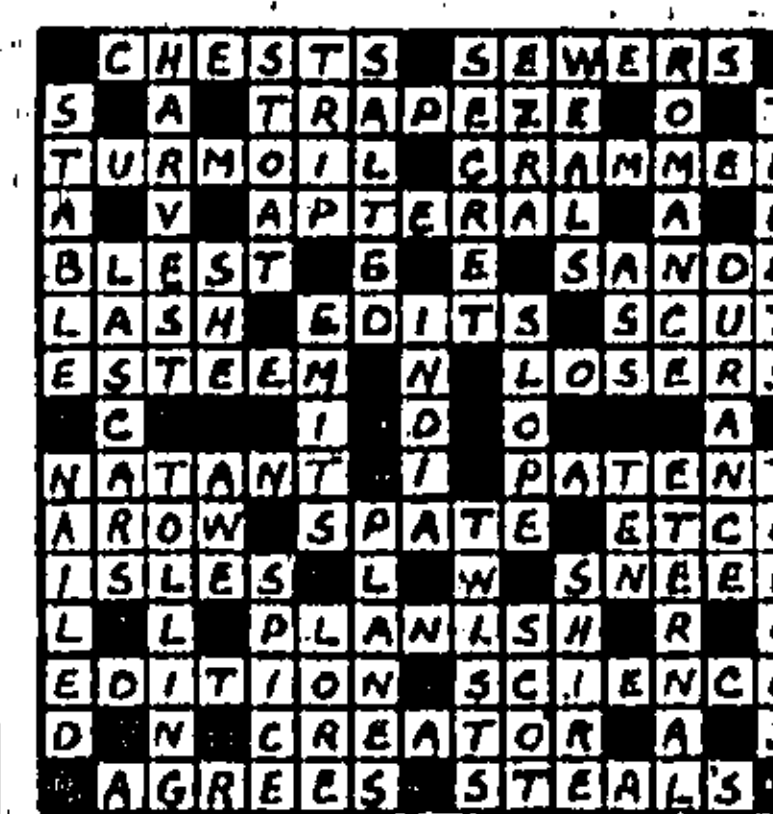
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 - Challenge.

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 - Explosion.
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 - Spared.
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 - Species of lemon.
 - Base.
 - Leo.
 - Agitate.
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 - Tiller.
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Yesterday's Solution.



LOCAL CRICKET.

CLOSE MATCH ON THE ROYAL NAVY GROUND.

On the Royal Naval Officers' ground at King's Park yesterday, the home team entertained the Diocesan Boys' School and won by two wickets in an exciting match, which ended close on time for drawing stumps.

The school team took first knock and compiled 75 runs, R. Lee being top scorer with 22. Squadron Leader Bumphrey took seven wickets for 14 runs. The Naval side obtained the necessary runs with two wickets in hand, the innings eventually realising 94 runs for nine wickets. Lieut. Stevenson was top scorer with 38. R. Lee took seven wickets for 20 runs. Scores:

Diocesan Boys' School.

F. K. Lee, b Bumphrey	9
H. Pratt, b Bennett	7
W. H. Kwon, l.b.w., Bumphrey	3
J. L. Youngsaye, c and b Bennett	3
R. Lee, c Rathbone, b Bumphrey	22
G. A. Lee, c Baker, b Bumphrey	8
G. Winch, c Stevenson, b Bumphrey	1
G. Kotwall, b Rathbone	0
B. Chan, c Rathbone, b Bumphrey	0
E. Wood, not out	0
G. T. Lee, c Bullack, b Bumphrey	0
Extras	0
Total	75

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Baker	7	4	0	—
Jacob	3	2	1	—
Bennett	7	4	7	1
Bumphrey	10.3	2	14	7
Rathbone	3	—	20	1
Stevenson	3	1	10	1

Naval Officers.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Sqd. Ldr. Bumphrey, c and b Lee	0			
Lieut. Evans l.b.w., Lee	0			
Lieut. Stevenson, b Lee	28			
Lieut. Wright, c Kwan, b Youngsaye	0			
Mid. Rathbone, b Lee	21			
Lieut. Jacob, b Lee	0			
Lieut. Com. Bullack, c Youngsaye, b Lee	2			
Eng. Lieut. Bennett, c and b Kotwall	4			
Pay Lieut. Com. Fenton, not out	11			
P. O. Kendle, b Lee	12			
Extras	3			
Total (for 9 wks.)	94			

Com. Baker did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
R. Lee	16.3	0	29	7
Winch	6	1	21	—
Youngsaye	4	1	11	1
Kotwall	6	—	30	1

H.K.C.C. v Rereelo.

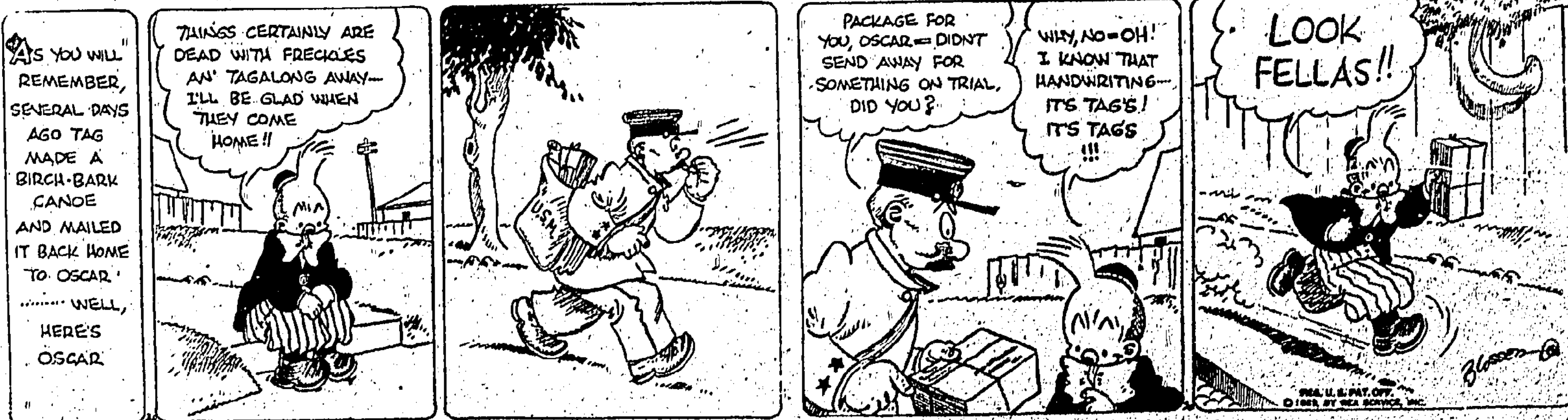
The following will represent the H.K.C.C. in the 2nd division of the League next Saturday against the Club de Rereelo on the H.K.C.C. ground:

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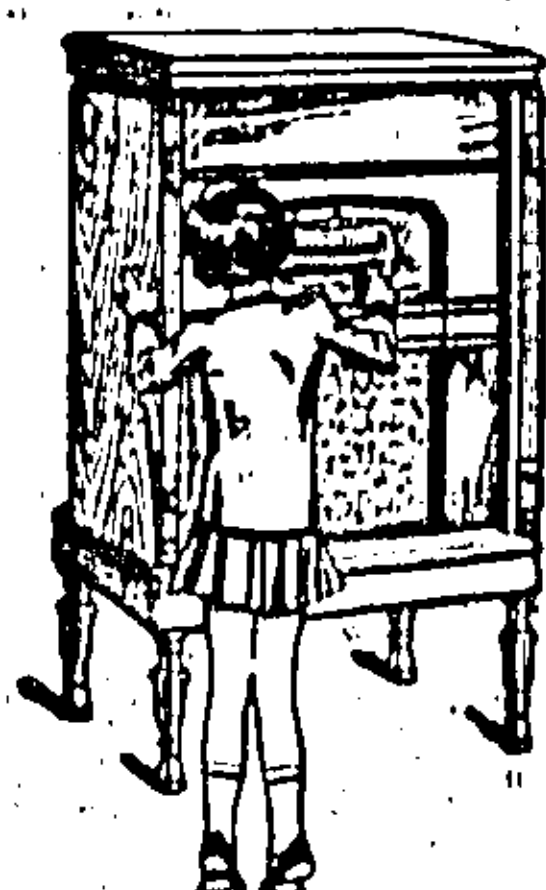
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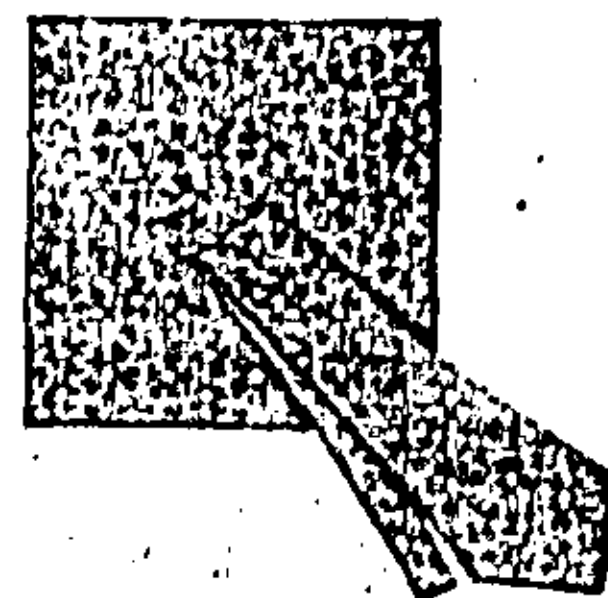
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A MUNICIPALITY FOR HONGKONG?

In view of the oft-repeated suggestion that the time has come when Hongkong should have its own Municipal Council, charged with the control of all purely local affairs, we have recently been at pains to ascertain precisely how the Municipalities in the Straits Settlements function, and what their powers are. Through the courtesy of the Municipal Secretary at Singapore, we have now received some illuminating details on these points, from which we are able to deduce that there is no reason whatever why Hongkong should not be brought into line with the system operating in the Straits Settlements and in other Crown Colonies as well. The feature of the system, as it is operated in the Colony to which Sir Cecil Clementi will shortly go, is that the Municipality has its own revenues, entirely distinct from those of the Government, and that it handles all those matters which at home would be undertaken by Borough Councils.

Coming to details, the Municipalities in the Straits Settlements have been constituted by special Ordinance, and all municipal affairs are administered by persons named Commissioners. In practice, in Singapore, the Governor accepts nominations of eleven Commissioners out of a total of twenty-five from several bodies in the town, such, for example, as the Chamber of Commerce, but there is actually no provision to this effect in the law. The Executive Officers of each Municipality are appointed by the Commissioners, the senior appointments being subject to the approval of the Governor. With the exception of the President of the Municipality, who is a Commissioner and who is appointed by the Governor after consultation with the Commissioners, no member of the Executive (that is, the Colonial Government) takes any formal part in the administration of the Municipality. The duties of the President, moreover, are purely executive and advisory. The chief Departments which the Commissioners control are the Health Office, the Fire Brigade, the Registrar of Vehicles Department (which deals with the licensing of vehicles), the Municipal Engineers Department (which looks after roads, bridges, conservancy and sewerage) and the Building Department, which looks

after all Municipal buildings. The Municipality maintains abattoirs and cemeteries, and also owns and controls the water supply as well as the supplies of electricity and gas.

The revenue of the Municipality is derived from two main sources—a rate on all houses, and taxes on all vehicles. From these two sources, the ordinary work of the Municipality is carried on. In addition, the Commissioners collect revenue from the sale of water, which, incidentally, is all supplied by meter, and from the sale of electric current and gas for lighting and cooking. Further revenue comes from rent of markets, and charges are also made for the removal of nightsoil from most of the properties in the town, as the sewerage system is as yet only in its infancy. No charge is made in connexion with water-borne sewage removal, except the ordinary rates for water used. The Commissioners have no connexion with the finances of the Colony, the Municipal Fund and the funds of the Colony being entirely separate.

From this review of the manner in which the Municipalities work, it will be seen that there is a very clear-cut line between the functions of the Commissioners and those of the Government. The system strikes us as one having everything to commend it, because it means that the Government, as such, has little or no control over these purely domestic matters. There is, we are convinced, sufficient civic spirit in Hongkong to warrant the experiment being tried here. Indeed, we see no reason why this Colony should be denied privileges enjoyed by other Crown Colonies in the matter of local government. We suggest, therefore, that the matter be brought before the Legislative Council in the near future in the form of a resolution, to be forwarded to the Secretary of State, asking for such a reform of our Constitution as will permit of the creation of a separate Municipality on the lines of those existing in other Colonies. If our Unofficials united on this matter, they would assuredly have the whole body of ratepayers behind them. Another method of attaining the desired end would be to call a public meeting for the purpose of testing popular opinion, and in the event of its being favourable, to draft a petition, which would provide the opportunity for bringing the subject to the notice of the Home authorities.

American Dumping?

Former leadership of a Mount Everest Expedition does not necessarily invest Lieut. Colonel C. A. Howard-Bury with authority on questions of high finance. Nevertheless, there is good ground for the belief that the financial depression in the United States, the aftermath of the Share Market debacle, will result in the loss of a fair percentage of the "luxury" trade of the country, and consequently, the dumping of surplus production abroad. It is not unreasonable to suppose, therefore, that the highly organised motor car industry will be badly hit, and that the fears of an avalanche of American motor-car exports to Europe in the Spring will prove to be well-founded. In his annual Message to Congress, President Hoover expressed the view that the measures taken by the Government have re-established confidence, but stressed the necessity for vigorous normalcy has been restored. In point of fact, America is still a long way from normalcy. To suppose that the steps taken to avert unemployment, effective in their way, have rectified the disaster, would be a delusion, and one under which it may be certain the President does not suffer. Forestalling the possibilities of industrial depression in certain spheres does not rehabilitate the fortunes of the thousands who went under in the Share Market catastrophe. Nor does it restore complete confidence among the American "middle classes" on whom American prosperity, as in every other country on the globe, mainly depends. Anticipating the

DAY BY DAY.

MEN WILLINGLY BELIEVE WHAT THEY WISH TO BE TRUE.—*Cæsar.*

Mrs. Othen will speak on "Universal Ideals" at the weekly public lecture of the Hongkong Lodge, The Theosophical Society, to-day at 6 p.m.

Among the passengers due to arrive in the Colony on the s.s. Hakosaki Maru from Europe on the 8th inst. are Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Tarrant and Miss E. C. Tarrant.

We are asked to state that the last day for sending in of entries to the second annual exhibition of the Hongkong Amateur Photographic Club is Monday, 9th inst.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Walter Dunbar Fiddes-Wilson, c/o Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., Tientsin, to Miss Lella May Tiersan Clarke, No. 608, The Peak.

We are pleased to announce that the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services (Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington) has recovered from his recent severe attack of influenza. Dr. Wellington has left with Mrs. Wellington for Macao, where he will spend 10 days in recuperating.

Described as an employee of Harmsen's Circus, a Japanese, named Takahashi, appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a charge of being drunk in Canton Road last night. The defendant was remanded until to-morrow for an interpreter to attend.

The case in which Ng See-chan, of No. 119 Wing Lok Street sued Wong Ming-cheung, of No. 26 Wo Hong Street, for \$1,000 alleged to be owing as the result of transactions with a former money loan association, of which both parties were members, was concluded this morning. His Lordship the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) found for the defendant.

Miss Daphne Leigh, English revue artist, formerly of the Salisbury and Bannard Musical Comedy Companies, will begin a short season at the Majestic Theatre, commencing to-night. She has appeared as leading character in many musical comedies both in America and on the Continent, and has travelled extensively throughout the East. Her programme to-night will include popular song numbers.

At the Volunteer Headquarters on Tuesday evening a presentation was made to Lieut. H. Owen Hughes by his brother officers in the Volunteer Defence Corps, on the occasion of his forthcoming marriage. The presentation, which took the form of a silver salver, was made by Lieut. Col. L. G. Bird, who wished the recipient—the popular officer commanding No. 1 Platoon—every happiness and success in his married life.

STERLING BILLS.

BANK REDUCES RATE OF INTEREST.

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation notify that the rate of interest for sterling advances made against bills from Europe on the East has been reduced from 7½% to 7%.

Bills negotiated at 7½% if past due or renewed will continue to bear interest at that rate.

normal expansion of railways and other public utilities, pressing public works which could normally bide their time, may suffice to satisfy the needs of the moment, but they may also create a serious problem for the future. There is, for this reason, a fear that the intensive energy in construction and expansion planned as the result of the White House conferences will merely have the effect of putting off the evil day. We trust these views are more pessimistic than the situation justifies, but the increasing interest of Europe is a sign that they are generally held. Mr. Graham, the President of the Board of Trade, took the only possible line, in view of the British Government's fiscal policy, when he stated that they were not prepared to support protective duties of any kind even if the anticipation of the dumping of a million American cars in Europe is fulfilled. The best that can be hoped is that Mr. Philip Snowden will at least avoid the disastrous consequences which would inevitably follow the abolition of the existing McKenna Duties on motor-cars.

SALE OF WORK.

ST. STEPHEN'S GIRLS' ENTERPRISE.

The Kwok Shu Lau Hall at St. Stephen's Girls' College might have been a miniature bargain basement of some big London store this morning, when a sale of work organised by St. Stephen's Girls' College and Fairlie College was officially opened by Mrs. H. T. Cready, wife of the Hon. the Director of Public Works.

There was plenty of variety to be found in the multiplicity of stalls, which were tended by charmingly garbed young students of the college. At one end, there was a dollar stall, upon which a number of things one had always thought cost a lot more, were displayed at this modest price. Further down the hall prices varied, but there were certainly plenty of bargains for the big crowd of parents and friends who attended.

The opening ceremony was commenced with a hymn, after which the Rev. N. V. Halward, Bishop's Chaplain, read a short prayer. Mrs. Cready, in a very brief speech, said they were all glad to look forward to the return very soon of their beloved President, Mrs. W. T. Southern, and would be happy to tell her how the College Committee had done in her absence.

THEFT BY BANISHED WOMAN.

RETURNED TO HONGKONG BY HER KIDNAPPERS?

Chun Ying, a Chinese woman aged 22, who was charged before Mr. A. W. C. H. Grantham at the Central Magistracy this morning with the larceny of a \$1 bill and with returning from banishment, pleaded that she could not control her return to Hongkong, as she was kidnapped on October 14 and brought to Hongkong after being removed to Un Long on October 23. Her husband was abroad.

The police stated that the defendant snatched a \$1 bill from a woman's hand in Queens Road Central as she was counting her change outside of a shop. The accused was banished for 10 years on July 5, 1927.

The magistrate convicted on both charges, inflicting sentences of 3 months and 6 months imprisonment to run concurrently.

KNOCKED DOWN BY A MOTOR CAR.

CHINESE SUCUMB TO HIS INJURIES.

Loochart Road was the scene of a fatality yesterday afternoon, when Tsoi To, aged 33, a foreman of the P.W.D. living on the third floor of 44, Pokfulam Road, was knocked down by private motor car No. 572, driven by Leung Chi Kuen, 26, Keswick Street.

So far as can be ascertained, Tsoi was in the act of crossing the road when he saw the car approaching and then began to turn back, with the result that one of the wings of the car struck him in the back and threw him head foremost on to the ground.

He was removed with all speed to the Government Civil Hospital, but died very shortly after admission.

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Mrs. Casamira Basto	25
Mr. J. P. Sherry	50
The Pioneer Silk Store, one carpet; Mrs. A. G. Botelho and Mr. J. A. d'Almeida, various articles.	

MORE TROUBLE ON THE YANGTSE.

REBEL FORCES MARCHING ON ICHANG.

News received in the Colony this morning states that Liu, in Hupeh, has been taken by anti-Government forces, who are said to be advancing on Ichang. It is situated some thirty miles down the river from Ichang.

The Very Idea!

One of the most remarkable of recent London developments has been the enormous rise in the values brought about by the erection of great blocks of luxury flats. A leading West End estate agent estimated recently that during the last two or three years such erections had added more than \$10,000,000 to the ground valuation of sites within a mile of Piccadilly.

There are now nearly 10,000 flats in that area, ranging from bachelor "snuggleries" with one bed-sitting-room and a bathroom at rentals of \$250 a year to sumptuous suites with three reception rooms, five bedrooms, luxurious bathrooms, and other accommodation costing \$3,000 a year.

While many of these dwellings of the new London have displaced historic homes, others are springing up in centres where formerly there were only unpretentious shops and dingy offices.

Teacher: Can anybody tell me what a polygon is?
Smart Scholar: Please, sir, a dand parrot.

"High heels," says Dr. Norman Blake, "are contrary to the tendency of evolution."

Though I'm bewitched by dainty heels,
However high they're worn,
It seems their chic and slender shape
Evokes Darwinian scorn.

Yet—need heel-manufacturers
Just yet go "on the dote"?
You can't deny high heels promote
The uplift of the sole!

An aged man, after electrical treatment for rheumatism, called at the hospital some days after his discharge to report.
Said the nurse: "How are you, Mr.—?"
"Oh, I am ever so well," was the reply. "I can't tell now when it's going to rain!"

Nottingham man—I earn £7 a week and always give my wife her half—£1.

Motorist, in a letter to the Hatfield Court—I was acting as driver-mechanic to my mother-in-law—a labour of love.

Doctor at Glasgow Central Police Court—A man may be quite steady and in his full senses, yet be definitely intoxicated.

Sollicitor at Glasgow—What did you think when you heard the blows struck? Witness—I thought somebody was taking a liberty.

Bright Little Girl: "Look, mother, the people in that shop will find your umbrella for you. I mean the one you lost last Monday."

Mother: "No, dear; that's a shop where umbrellas are sold."

Bright Little Girl: "But there's a notice in the window: Umbrellas recovered."

The first calendars to hand for 1930 have been received from the Manufacturers Life Insurance Company, of which Messrs. Arnold and Co., Ltd. are the local agents and the Westinghouse Electric International Co., the sole distributors for which firm in Hongkong and South China are Messrs. Kells, Mussey and Co. The former is an admirable map of the world and the latter an attractive calendar of a blue-eyed brunette and diary.

WHO WAS....

ANGUS McCLAN?

Macpherson Clonglocketty Angus McClan, to give him his full name, is the hero, or the villain (it all depends upon your point of view) of one of W. S. Gilbert's satirical and amusing Bab Ballads.

Mr. M.C.A. McClan was a skilful, and tireless, performer upon that weird and wonderful instrument, the bag-pipe. The maidens delighted to listen to his playing, especially Ellen Mc Jones Aberdeen. All admired his musical gifts save one Pattison Corby Torbay, a Sassenach brute who growled at the sound of the pibroch, and begged Angus either to cease from playing or else to play "something resembling an air."

For a year, seven months and a fortnight Angus practised hard, and at last evolved something, wild and jerky, it is true, but with a distinct resemblance to an air. But was Mr. P. C. Torbay grateful? Alas, no! He was roused to greater fury than ever. With one stroke of his claymore he cleft the bag-pipe player in twain.

The maidens wept, especially Ellen Mc Jones Aberdeen, but such is the fickle heart of woman, that she soon dried her tears, and consoled herself in the arms of Pattison Corby Torbay.

OPIUM CLEVERLY HIDDEN.

PACKAGES AROUND BASE OF MAST.

STOREKEEPER OF U.S. SHIP CONVICTED.

MISSING BO'SUN.

The s.s. Mantauk, of which the local agents are the American Mail Line, figured in a case arising out of an opium seizure, which was heard before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Police Court this morning. A Chinese, who stated that he was the storekeeper of the vessel, was charged with being in possession of the large quantity of 515 tacks of illicit opium in the prepared state. The value of the seizure is placed at \$5,000. He denied the offence.

Camouflaged With Paint.

In a storeroom built around a mast, the key of which was in the possession of the accused and produced by him, they found six packages of opium, packed around the base of the mast and neatly camouflaged with paint.

The accused made to walk off, but was forcibly recalled and interrogated with regard to the finding. He made a statement implicating the bo'sun of the ship, but the latter was not to be found. Finally, accused was taken ashore and charged with the possession of the contraband. Accused maintained in Court that the key of the storeroom was usually kept by the bo'sun and that he himself had only temporary charge of it at the time. He recalled that when the Mantauk was in Shanghai, prior to her coming to this port, the bo'sun had kept in the storeroom for one night. Accused suggested that it was then that the bo'sun had his opportunity of secreting the drug in the place where it was subsequently found.

Ship not Detained.

In view of the allegation affecting the bo'sun, his Worship enquired if the advisability had not occurred to the Revenue Department of detaining the vessel for the matter to be investigated further.

Revenue Officer Grimmett, while putting forward the ready compliance of the American Mail Line to assist in such preventative measures, said he thought the circumstances had already been fully placed before the Superintendent, and if the latter had thought it advisable to detain the ship he would have given instructions to that effect.

After further evidence regarding the seizures was taken, the Magistrate said he did not believe the defendant's explanation claiming responsibility. Accused, his Worship said, was, according to his own admission, the storekeeper of the vessel, and at the time had actual possession of the key to the storeroom.

Heavy Fine.

A conviction was registered, and the accused was fined \$5,000, or 2 months' hard labour. His Worship said the circumstances revealed, called for further investigation than was made. They were not to assume, his Worship remarked, that the accused would plead guilty in the ordinary way.

The advisability was discussed of recalling the vessel and locating the missing bo'sun, and this question was finally left to the I. & E. Office to decide on.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Dec. 4.	
Paris	123.92
Brussels	34.87
Amsterdam	12.09 1/4
Berlin	20.38
Copenhagen	18.105
Vienna	13.065
Helsingfors	10.44
Lisbon	106.25
Bucharest	8.18
Buenos Aires	46.5/16
Shanghai	2/2 1/4
Yokohama	2/0 3/32
New York	4.88 3/16
Geneva	25.115
Milan	1.93.20
Stockholm	18.115
Oslo	18.205
Prague	10.44
Madrid	34.09
Athens	3.75
Rio	6.13/16
Bombay	1/5 1/4
Hongkong	1/8 1/4
Silver (spot)	22.7/10
Silver (forward)	22 1/2

—British Wireless.

PENANG ENGINEER VICTIMISED.

FALSELY REPRESENTED AT INDUSTRIES FAIR.

NO AUTHORITY GIVEN.

That some person, passing himself off as Mr. M. J. Thorpe, Municipal Engineer for Penang, or representing himself as authorised to speak on his behalf had attended the British Industries Fair at Birmingham this year, was the remarkable statement made by the President at a Penang Municipal Commission meeting.

Mr. Ham laid on the table copies of three letters addressed to the Municipal Engineer by local firms, as agents for manufacturers at Home, on the subject of his recent visit to the Fair, and his instructions to afford details of auto trucks sweepers, etc.

Mr. Ham said that owing to ill-health Mr. Thorpe, who was in England at the time, had been prevented from attending the Fair, but had authorised no one to attend it or speak on his behalf. He (the President) thought it would be well for them to get into touch with their Home agents, and if, as a result of those representations, the people concerned had committed themselves to any expense, he thought their agents should offer to assist them even at some expense to themselves.

At the same time, even at some expense to the Commissioners, an endeavour should be made to trace the person who represented himself to be acting on behalf of Mr. Thorpe. The Commissioners agreed to this course.

LIABILITIES OF MR. J. V. DODD.

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bankruptcy, but he did not hear of it until October 3 when his wife went to Canton and told him.

Didn't Run Away.

Mr. Agassiz:—Did you run away?—No. Witness continued that he owned a share in a junk called the Yuet Wo, which was registered at the Harbour Office and was licensed in the name of a man who was not a partner in the firm. His share was originally worth \$3,500 but witness said he did not know if it was worth that now.

Witness continued that a few days ago he had heard the junk had sunk off Swatow with a loss of 13 lives.

Mr. Agassiz, (with a smile)—I thought I had discovered some assets.

Witness went on to say he was told of the affair by the charterer, but, he added, he would have to make enquiries about it. He had no assets in Hongkong and none in Canton.

Mr. Agassiz asked witness whether there were no assets in the Canton business in which he was interested, but witness replied that that business operated the junk and had finished.

Sunk with Junk.

Mr. Agassiz:—The company has sunk with the junk, I suppose?—It is finished.

Explaining how he has living, witness said he was borrowing a few dollars from his friends and was seeking employment. He had been living thus for several months.

Mr. Agassiz:—How long do you think your friends will stand it?—I don't think they can entertain me in this way for long, but I am looking for employment.

Replying to further questions witness said his rent, which amounted to \$55 a month, was being paid by his wife's sister. He had not considered the question of moving to cheaper premises, as he was considering the possibility of returning to the country after he knew how matters were.

Mr. Agassiz:—You honestly tell me on oath that you have no assets at all?—Yes.

Answering Mr. Loseby, for petitioning creditor, witness agreed he had in his possession a tea-kettle and table and expressed his willingness to give it up.

The examination was closed.

Knitting Factory.

An application by Mr. F. H. Loseby on behalf of a petitioning creditor, Chan Fan, for a Receiver Order to be made against the Kwan Loong Knitting Factory and Au Wing, described as the managing partner, was dismissed on the ground of insufficient assets.

Mr. Loseby explained that the firm borrowed \$661 from Chan Fan and by a letter dated October 31, signed by Au Wing, they gave notice that they had suspended payments. Evidence would be called to show that whether Au Wing was a partner or not, at

LOCAL COMPANY'S FINANCES. KINGSCLERE HOTEL THEFT.

HONGKONG AND CANTON ICE MANUFACTURING CO.

COURT APPLICATION.

In the Supreme Court this morning before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Mr. R. A. Wadeson of Messrs. Deacons, applied for confirmation of a special resolution reducing the capital of the Hongkong and Canton Ice Manufacturing Company, Limited, No. 2, Lower Albert Road, from \$400,000 divided into 40,000 shares of \$10 each, to \$200,000, divided into 40,000 shares of \$5 each.

Mr. Sheldon explained that the proposed reduction would not involve either diminution of any liability in respect of any paid-up capital or any payment, to any shareholder of any part of the paid-up capital. The reason for the reduction was that \$200,000 was unrepresented by available assets.

Explaining the loss, counsel said it was due entirely to the fact that for the eight years the company had been operating nothing had been written off the assets for depreciation. The company had written off \$149,000 odd for depreciation of the assets set out in the statement of Mr. J. P. Warren, chairman and in addition a reserve fund of \$64,000 odd had been started. With liabilities amounting to \$16,000 odd there was a reduction in the assets of just over \$200,000.

Replying to his Lordship, Mr. Sheldon said there was no question of any decrease in the fund out of which dividends were paid.

His Lordship granted the application.

least he was the person who had the management and control of the business.

His Lordship pointed out that Mr. Loseby was asking for a Receiver Order against Au Wing as managing partner and Mr. Loseby agreed that service on Au Wing might not be good. He said he was really asking for an order against the factory and he could leave out Au Wing.

Unpaid Promissory Note.

Chan Fan, trading as the Hung Kee Company, No. 6, Wing Lo Street, gave evidence and produced a promissory note, saying it was given to him by the Kwan Loong firm and had not been paid. He held no security for it. Witness went on to say that Au Wing was the master of the firm because all dealings witness had had with the debtor firm were done with Au Wing. He knew of no other men in the firm.

His Lordship pointed out that that did not show he was the master. In the letter Au Wing said his master had gone away.

Witness agreed the letter said that but added he knew nothing about other partners and only knew Au Wing as the master. He had control of the chop and managed the business.

Replying to the Official Receiver, witness said that Au Wing chopped the note and signed it in his (witness's) presence. He agreed that he had filed an affidavit on assets on information he had obtained from Au Wing. In that affidavit he had said the debtor firm had good book debts to the amount of \$320,000 and he believed that to be true although Au Wing did not disclose the names of the debtors.

Further Debts.

If they had all this money why did he not pay you \$600?—He could

FORMER EMPLOYEE ROBS TWO COOLIES.

COURT SENTENCE.

On charges of theft of property belonging to two house coolies employed at Kingsclere Hotel, a Chinese who was formerly employed on the premises was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour and one month's imprisonment respectively, by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning.

The defendant pleaded guilty to both counts.

Detective Sergeant Humphreys said the defendant, who was formerly employed at Kingsclere, paid the two complainants a visit on November 29 and after he had gone it was discovered that several articles of clothing as well as a small sum of money had been taken. The defendant was suspected and when he again visited the complainants on Tuesday last he was placed under arrest. One suit of clothing was the only property recovered; this being found in a pawnshop.

It was stated that when arrested the defendant had only eight Chinese coppers on him. His Worship remarked that these had better be given to the complainants.

The defendant, who had one previous conviction for being found in a house with intent to commit a felony, was sentenced to six weeks' on the first charge and one month's hard labour on the second.

not because he was in debt to other people in the sum of \$10,000.

Witness agreed he had stated the value of stock-in-trade, furniture, fittings, and machinery to be \$4,700.

Do you know what that fetched at auction?—I have no idea.

Well I will tell you. It fetched \$1,015.

Mr. Agassiz pointed out that there were claims and distress for rent against that which left a balance of about \$700.

Answering other questions, witness said he knew one of the debtors to be Lo Hong, broker, employed by the Kau Tung Company, China Building. Witness said he did not know what salary Lo Hong was earning. He continued that the Hing Loong also owed money but they were unfortunately in the same position as the Kwan Loong.

Mr. Agassiz:—Why are you putting the firm into bankruptcy for \$8000?—Because I understand this firm can sue by other people for money.

Insufficient Assets.

His Lordship remarked that in the circumstances he thought it was a question of insufficiency of assets. The affidavit itself stated that Au Wing was the managing partner but there was no evidence before the Court to show that.

Mr. Loseby argued that his Lordship could grant a Receiver Order and if no further assets came to light it could be cancelled.

After some argument on this point His Lordship dismissed the petition.

In the case of the Hing Loong Firm, Mr. Agassiz made an application for adjudication which was granted.

THIEF REVEALS METHODS.

EXAMINED HOUSES BY DAY; ROBBERY AT NIGHT.

KOWLOON LARCENIES.

A Chinese who was arrested by a detective, on suspicion, appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning on charge of the theft of three articles of clothing from the servants' quarters of the first floor of 335, Nathan Road and a quantity of jewellery to the value of \$300 from 12, Jordan Road.

The defendant pleaded guilty.

According to Detective Sergeant Fitches, the defendant was arrested on suspicion in Jordan Road wearing a woollen singlet. On making inquiries, he admitted that, together with other articles of clothing, he had stolen the garment he was wearing from the first floor of 335, Nathan Road, having gained admission through an open window.

Referring to the second charge, the officer said the defendant was also wearing a leather belt which, when he was questioned, he admitted he had stolen from 12, Jordan Road where he had also taken the jewellery. The theft was committed in the same way as in the previous instance.

The officer mentioned that the defendant had given the police every assistance and had also supplied them with information concerning other larcenies. It was hoped that the police would be able to derive some benefit from the information divulged.

The defendant volunteered the statement that he usually examined houses during the day and then at night, when opportunity arose, he would commit a theft.

The defendant was stated to have served a term of banishment following several convictions.

On the first charge his Worship passed sentence of one month's hard labour and a further two months' on the second, his Worship remarking that the second was more serious than the first.

INVADERS NEARING CANTON NOW.

(Continued from Page 1.)

since they captured, sometime last week, part of the Canton-Hankow Railway, but most of the rolling stock has been seized by the Canton troops.

Other reports state that the Ironsides in North Kwangtung had captured Yun Tam, an important position on the Canton-Hankow Railway, about 42 miles from Canton.

On the West River, the Kwangsi troops are also fighting the Canton defenders for the control of the Canton-Samsui Railway and in this sector it is understood that the invaders troops have advanced as far as Paknai and Lupa, which is about 30 miles to the north-west of Canton.

Lupa and Paknai are very near Samsui, where the Canton defenders are massing thousands of troops and several gunboats to protect the Canton-Samsui Line. If the Kwangsi troops capture Samsui and the railway leading to Canton there will be cause for perturbation to the Canton authorities.

News of the Ironsides.

Kweilin, Nov. 23. The political situation here stands just as it was a few weeks ago. Everything is perfectly quiet outwardly, but no-one knows what is going on behind the scenes.

An official proclamation was posted up last Sunday declaring that the military forces of this Province had declared themselves against the Central Government. Arm bands were immediately changed from red to white. All the troops immediately left the city for Wuchow or points more southerly.

Three days ago the Government again posted an official proclamation saying that General Li Chung-yen had been selected as head of the Military Government and General Wang Shao-hung as his second in command. It was an open secret that these men were behind the military situation in this Province.

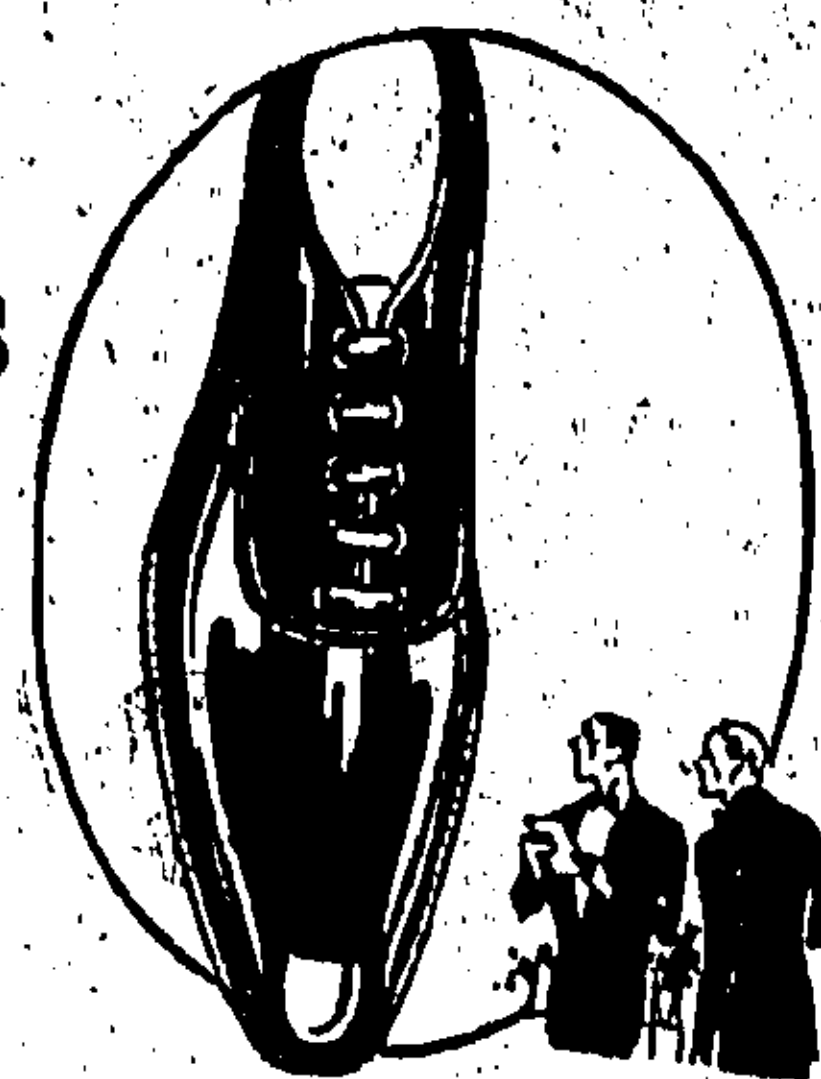
The General in charge of the Ironsides is said to have gone with his troops to Taohow in Hunan, where he can have a direct route to Shichow in Kwangtung Province. Some of his troops are in the Baptist Hospital with wounds inflicted while they were on their way from Ichang. It took them over fifty days to make the trip, but it was made safely with only a little sniping on the way. The troops with General Chang Fat-kwei have been very orderly along the whole way.

The city of Kwei lin has only a very few soldiers left. The robber situation in the country districts seems to be quieting down. There has been no fighting at Ping Loh and a recent arrival says that the city has only a small garrison there. It seems that all have left to take part in the attack on Canton.—Our Own Correspondent.

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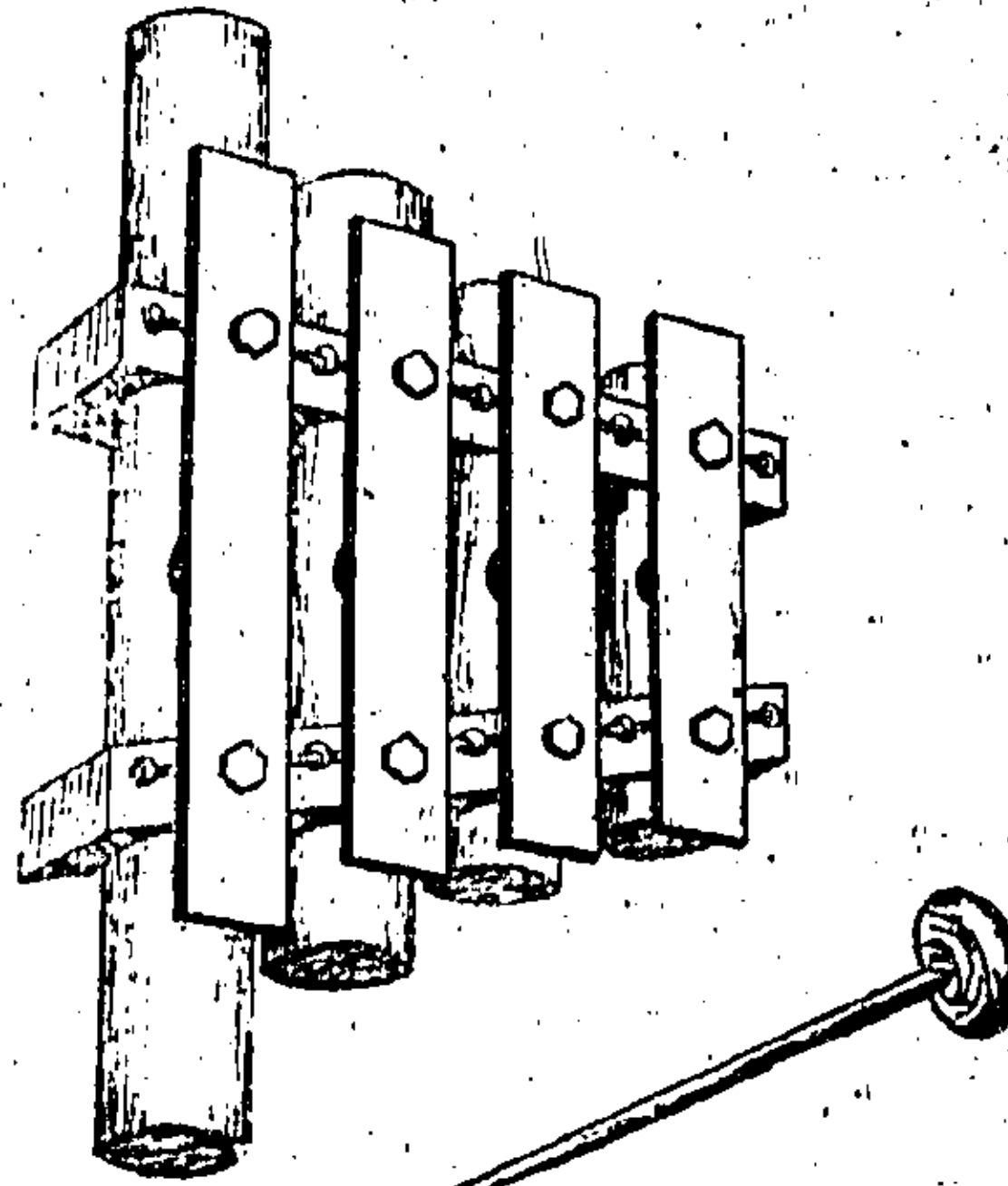
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SHAMEEN TENNIS
TOURNAMENT.PROGRESS OF VARIOUS
COMPETITIONS.

Shameen, Dec. 3.
The following are some of the results of the Shameen Lawn Tennis Club's tournaments which are in full swing at present:
In the men's Championship Singles, the following have reached the semi-finals:—Mr. G. W. Greene by defeating Mr. J. W. Platt 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2; Mr. A. T. Lay by defeating Mr. A. A. Tison 6-2, 6-4, 6-4; Mr. J. Mareschall by defeating Mr. Wm. Galloway 6-0, 6-0, 6-3; and Mr. C. E. Watson by defeating Mr. F. Gandossi 6-1, 6-0, 6-3.

Hong Doubles.

The results of the first two rounds of the Hong Doubles are as follows:
1st round.—Shameen Municipal Council walk over from Chartered Bank, scratched; Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., (Mr. J. W. Platt, Mr. A. T. Lay) defeated the Chinese Maritime Customs (Mr. J. J. Palmer and Mr. A. C. E. Brand) 6-2, 7-5; American Baptist Mission walk over from Northern Featherworks, Ltd., who scratched; Deacon & Co. Ltd., walk over from Kwangtung Electric Supply Co., Ltd., who scratched; Butterfield & Swire, Asiatic Petroleum Company, T. E. Griffith Ltd., and H. B. M. Consulate-General, byes.
2nd Round.—Butterfield & Swire walk over from Asiatic Petroleum Company who scratched; Shameen Municipal Council (Mr. C. E. Watson and Capt. G. A. Clements) defeated Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd., 6-3, 6-4; American Baptist Mission (Mr. G. W. Greene and Mr. M. W. Rankin) defeated Deacon & Co. Ltd., (Mr. R. K. Batchelor and Mr. L. B. Wood) 6-0, 6-0; H. B. M. Consulate-General (Mr. G. S. Moss and Mr. A. A. Tison) defeated T. E. Griffith Ltd., (Mr. M. A. Annett and Mr. Wm. Seiffert), 6-3, 6-0.

Men's Handicap.

The following are the results of the Men's Handicap Singles first two rounds:
1st Round.—Mr. G. W. Greene (—40) defeated Mr. F. E. W. Lammert (—430) 6-4, 6-2; Mr. H. G. Bales (—15) defeated Mr. M. A. Annett (—15) 8-6, 6-2; Mr. Wm. F. Gilman (—415) defeated Captain R. N. Bjoko (—415) 6-3, 3-6, 6-1; Mr. J. Krabbe (—415) defeated Mr. A. Baker Carr (—430) 6-4, 6-4; Mr. M. W. Rankin (—430) defeated Mr. J. W. Platt (—15) 6-2, 6-3; Mr. J. Hinke (—415) defeated Mr. D. Lauder (—415) 6-1, 6-7, 6-4; Mr. J. Mareschall (—30) walk over from Mr. C. E. Watson (—40) who scratched; Mr. L. B. Wood (scratched) defeated Mr. Wm. Galloway (scratched) 6-3, 6-3; Mr. Martell Hall (—415), Mr. E. R. Hill (—430), Mr. M. Laver (—415), Mr. Wm. Seiffert (—15), Mr. J. M. Walker (scratched), Mr. F. Gandossi (—15), Mr. G. S. Moss (—15) and Mr. W. F. Arnold (scratched)—all byes.
2nd round.—Mr. R. Martell Hall (—415) defeated Mr. E. R. Hill (—430) 3-6, 6-4, 6-4; Mr. M. Laver (—15) defeated Mr. Wm. Seiffert (—15) 6-4, 7-5; Mr. G. W. Greene (—440) defeated Mr. H. G. Bales (—15) 6-3, 6-2; Mr. Wm. F. Gilman (—415) defeated Mr. J. Krabbe (—415) 6-4, 6-1; Mr. M. W. Rankin (—415) defeated Mr. J. Hinke (—415) 6-0, 6-1; Mr. J. Mareschall (—30) defeated Mr. L. B. Wood (scratched) 6-2, 6-0; Mr. J. M. Walker (scratched) defeated Mr. F. Gandossi (—15) 6-2, 6-7.—Our Own Correspondent.

CANTON LADIES'
TENNIS.DRAW FOR CHAMPIONSHIP
CONTEST.

Canton, Dec. 4.

The following is the draw for the Ladies Open Singles Championship of South China for the American Association Challenge Cup to be played off on the courts of the Canton Citizens Athletic Association in the First Public Park, Canton, unless by mutual arrangement of the competitors elsewhere:

First Round.—Miss Chan Po-yuk v. Mrs. Hall; Miss Grace Fulton v. Miss Y. Y. Chan; Miss Chuo So v. Miss Louise Hogg; Mrs. G. W. D. Olivecrona v. Miss Siu Wai Ling; Miss Tang Chi-ho v. Miss Sz-to Mei.
The following have drawn byes in the first round and play in the second round:—Miss Virginia Blick v. the winner of Miss Tang Chi-ho and Miss Sz-to Mei; Miss Ruth Craft v. Mrs. G. S. Moss; Mrs. W. W. Cadbury v. Miss Wong Yau-kau; Miss Lei sui-mei v. Mrs. R. Martell Hall; Mrs. Schneider v. Miss M. A. Lehmann; Mrs. C. E. Watson v. Miss Wong Wan-l.

Mrs. Watson was the winner of the Cup last season. There are, however, two new comers to Canton since last season. Mrs. G. S. Moss has already proved herself a formidable opponent, and Miss M. A. Lehmann comes from the United States with the reputation of having won a State Championship.—Our Own Correspondent.

GARRISON NEWS.

YESTERDAY'S FOOTBALL
CONTESTS.

H.Q., S.L.I. v 20th (H) Battery, R.A.—Several circumstances combined to interfere with the playing of this match at Chatham Road yesterday afternoon. First of all, it was a fixture arranged at short notice; secondly, the Artillery team were very late in arriving; and, lastly, the referee failed to turn up. However, G.S.M. Courtney, S.L.I., who happened to be passing the ground just as the match was ready to be commenced, accepted the invitation of some of the players to take the whistle.

The game resulted in a deserved win for the Somersets by three goals to nil, although the Gunners were nearly through on at least two occasions. It must be said, also, that the Somersets' defence would have been considerably higher, had it not been that Naylor, in the Gunners' goal, made some good, and some very lucky, saves and clearances. Teams: 20th (H) Bty., R.A.—Naylor; Ashley, Warner; Kutter, Dunning, J. Dean; Koerner, Monley, P. Dean, Dryden, Leary.

H.Q. Wing, S.L.I.—Wills; Hayward, Green; Hooker, Bristol, Wilson, Guest, Phillips, Swaby, Baggett, Hancock.

The Somersets kicked off, and made ground, but Ashley sent back to the middle line, and Bristol passed the ball to the left for Hancock to get away, and send in the first of many good centres. Hancock put in a good centre, from which a goal was scored, but Mr. Courtney ruled that the scorer was off-side. The Gunners then got away, and forced Wills to kick out in defence, but the Somersets were soon down the field again, on the right, where a weak shot by Guest was sent over the line.

End-to-end play ensued for some time, with the Somersets always seeming likely to score, and the Gunners' attacks fading away from want of combination, or faulty ball-control. Shortly before half-time, the Somersets took the lead with a shot by Baggett, who took advantage of a mis-kick by Ashley, and sent in a good shot.

The same player scored again after the interval, after both Ashley and Naylor had saved shots in quick succession. He was unfortunate on four occasions later on, the ball going wide to the right in each instance. The Gunners were penned in their own half of the field for practically the whole of the second half. Baggett, who had obtained his hat-trick, shooting well in a scrum, may be mentioned that two penalties were awarded to the Somersets for "hands" in the first half. Guest was just wide of the post with the first, and Baggett put the second one straight into Naylor's hands, for him to clear well.

Navy Matches.

Two China Fleet Football League matches were played yesterday afternoon at Happy Valley. In the first game, Sirdar won from Stormcloud by the only goal scored. In a closely-contested and fast match, "Tearns" Sirdar—Sticks; Fitzgerald, Holden, Harries, Hobbs, Greenwood; Edmiston, Glover, Braham, Horner, Hunsford.

Stormcloud.—Bogle; Carter, Witts, Cunningham, Collins, Hodson; Morgan, Nichols, Orritt, Gowan, Lynn. Sirdar kicked off, and each team attacked in turn, the Sirdar goal having a troublesome time at first, until a free-kick for "hands" against the opponent gave a chance to relieve the pressure. Glover made a brilliant run on the right, and ran right through, to send in a shot which Bogle could not reach, the ball going into the far corner of the goal.

No further score occurred in the first half, and, on resuming, Stormcloud took the attack with great persistence, forcing an unproductive assistance. Stormcloud again came down the field, where Stolt saved shots from Nichols and Orritt, and later kept their opponents in their own half, the defence clearing with difficulty several times. Midfield play towards the end, with both defences preventing the forwards from getting very near goal continued until the final whistle was blown.

The second China Fleet League game was between Sepoy and Scorpis, the latter winning by four goals to one. Teams:

Sepoy.—Mr. Reid; Farnell, Bryden; Williams, Oakden, Wells; Draper, Coates, McIntosh, Exon, Ishman.

Scorpis.—Fleck; Noonan, Holden; Smith, Weston, Dunsford; Vallor, Toomey, Dyer, Wootton, Shinn.

Exchanges were even at the commencement of the game, which side played at fast pace, and each side soon got near the other's goal. Sharp putting a shot just wide of the post at one end, and Coates sending over the bar at the other. A free-kick gave Sepoy an opportunity, but off-side was blown, as Oakden, scored with a good shot. Sepoy continued to have the best of matters for some time, until Weston sent Sharp down on the left, the latter's centre going to Wootton, who opened the scoring. Off-side later on spoiled a good chance for the Sepoy to equalise, and a corner proved worthless, Fleck firing out Sharp's header.

There was little to choose in the play after the interval, both sides making attacks, and being kept out of the range of goal. Scorpis were the more determined later on, and Weston

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LOCAL BILLIARDS.

POLICE BEAT R.A.F. TEAM
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The Hongkong Police beat an R.A.F. team whom they entertained to a billiards match at Central, last night, the scores being:

H.K. Police.	R.A.F.	
Bentley	100	King 77
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Ellis	90	Hutchins 100
Northam	100	Williams 99
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LADIES' HOCKEY.

There will be an inter-club match, Colours v Whites, on the Marina ground at Kowloon on Saturday, 7th December, at 3.30 p.m. The teams are as follows:
Colours.—G. E. Little, F. Cousins, P. Carter, E. O'Hagan, E. R. Bell, M. Bird, S. Browning, Mora Russell, F. Webber, A. T. Cressey, A. E. Steele.
Whites.—A. N. Other, E. Gray, M. Russell, M. King, M. L. Wallace, E. J. Coppin, I. C. Bell, J. L. Whyte, N. A. McNeillie, C. M. Ferguson, E. S. Lalng.

scored a goal from short range, whilst Valtor added another. Sepoy came back, however, and a furious attack resulted in McIntosh netting his side's solitary goal. Close on time, Wootton scored the best goal of the match, the ball skimming under the bar out of Reid's reach.

Sepoy got back to the Scorpis goal in the final minute, but were unable to score from a scrum, with Fleck on the ground.

In a friendly game at Happy Valley, the Marines of H.M.S. Kent beat Cornflower in the only goal scored, in an interesting match yesterday afternoon. Teams:
Kent.—Tilling; Thoms, O'Neill; Burnett, West, Podd; Perritt, Wallace, Boyce, Gray, Grubb.
Cornflower.—New; French, Russell; Boam, Childs, Polson; Sipple, Adams, Baker, Best, Collins.

The Marines had the better of the opening exchanges, and from a corner-kick New cleared against the upright. At the other end, Sipple made ground on the right, but was dispossessed by Thoms, who set the Marines forward line in action again. Tilling saving a shot from Adams. The same player later shot past the post from a pass by Collins.

Cornflower got away on the right, Baker finding Tilling ready as he drove from Sipple's pass, and the "leather-necks" came back to the other end, where Gray beat New with a ground shot.
Midfield play was the order for the rest of the first half.
Midfield play ensued for most of the second half, and no further score was made.

Another friendly match yesterday afternoon between the Marines of H.M.S. Hermes and H.Q. Flight, R.A.F., ended with the latter side winning by three goals to two. Low, Mickleburgh and Cogger scored for the Marines in the first half, and Cobb scored once in each half for the Marines.

Hockey.

Only one goal was scored in a friendly match at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, between teams from Scorpis and Kent. Dickie scored for Scorpis in the first half, and though both sides played a fast and keen game, no other goals were scored. Whitman, of Scorpis, was injured towards the end of the game, and had to leave the field.

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The whole of the material used in the contract placed by the Central Electricity Board with the General Electric Co., Ltd., for one section of the overhead transmission lines in the south-east of England, will be manufactured in Great Britain.

An official of the company stated that the contract, the value of which was approximately £500,000, would cover the erection of the 132,000 volt line in the district north of the Thames, stretching from Reading on the west to Peterborough on the north, and Ipswich and Colchester on the east. The total mileage of the overhead transmission would be 254 miles, and the total actual length of conductor would be 1,300 miles.

The contract would be carried out by the General Electric Company with the assistance of their associated company, the Pirelli-General Cable Works, Ltd., of Southampton, the latter company carrying out all the actual erection work. The work of erection would take in all three years, and employment would be given in the actual erection work to between 500 and 1,000 men. In addition to that employment would be given to large numbers in the manufacture of the steel towers, steel aluminium conductors insulators, and other accessories.

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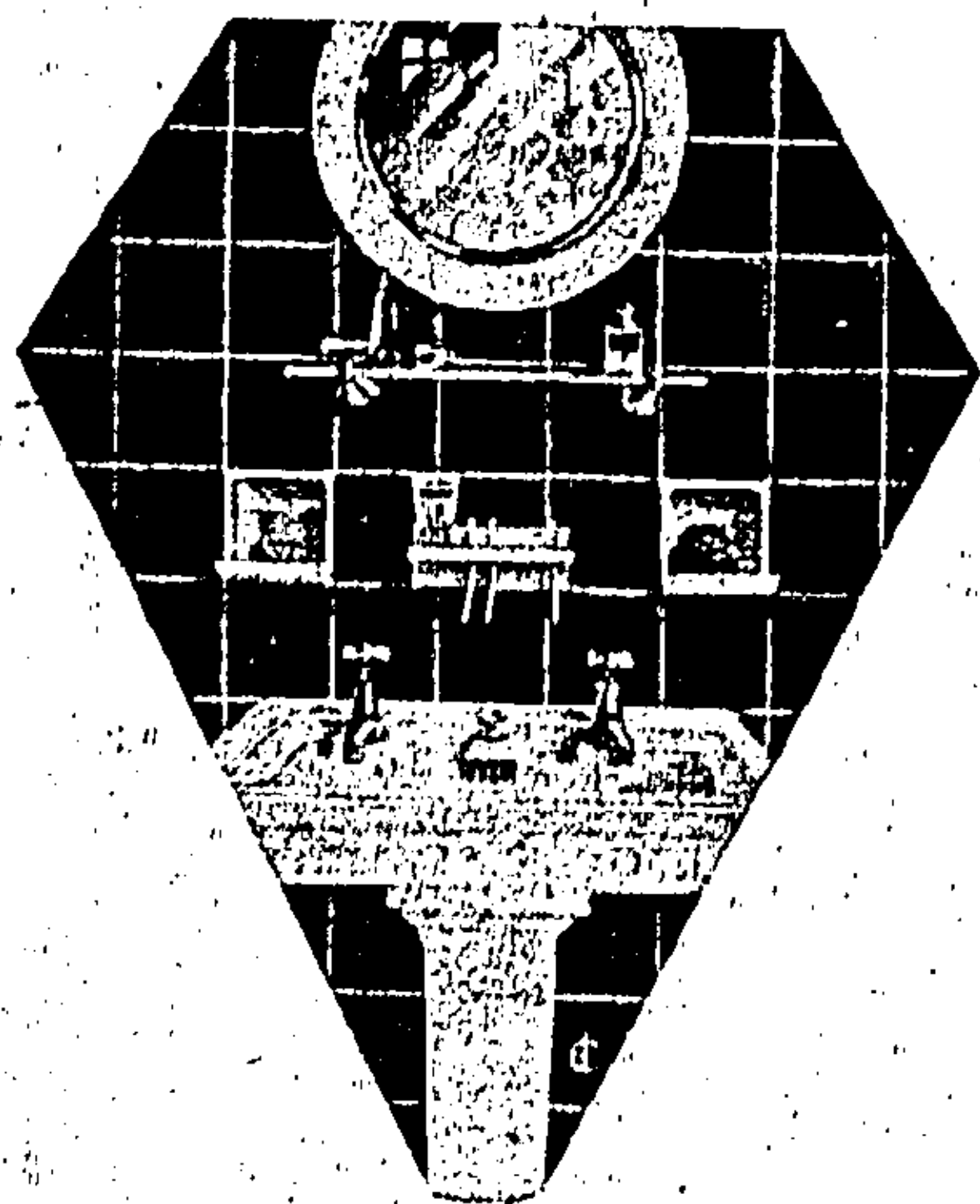
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ADVICE RESENTED.

RUSSIAN REPLY TO THE FRENCH NOTE.

Harbin, Dec. 4.
Tsai Yun-sheng and Li Shao-ken returned here this morning and immediately left for Mukden.—*Reuter.*

Mukden, Dec. 4.
Tsai Yun-sheng has arrived here, after meeting the Russian delegates (presumably at Nikolai).—*Reuter.*

Not Conclusive?

Tokyo, Dec. 4.
A message from Harbin states that Tsai Yun-sheng has passed Harbin en route to Mukden to report to Chang Haueh-liang.

Official Chinese circles at Harbin apparently do not consider the Tsai-Simanovsky agreement conclusive, and expect further parleys before it becomes effective.

There is growing anxiety as to the condition of non-Chinese residents westward of Khingans, and the Consuls have discussed the problem and decided to ask the C. E. B. to run an international train to Manchuria to ascertain the situation.—*Reuter.*

Nanking Provocation.

Moscow, Dec. 3.
The Russian reply to the French Note contains nine paragraphs and reiterates that the Soviet has consistently pursued a policy of peace independently of the Kellogg Pact.

The reply declares that Nanking mobilised along the Soviet Manchurian Railway, systematically attacking villages. The Note argues that the Red Army acted in self defence and therefore in no wise violated the obligation of the Kellogg Pact.

It continues: "That cannot be said of the armed forces in Chinese territory of those Powers which have now appealed to the Soviet."

The Note points out that the Kellogg Pact does not give any State or group of States the function of Pact Protector and reiterates that the Soviet-Manchurian conflict can be settled only by direct Sino-Soviet negotiations and that the Soviet cannot admit interference by any other party.—*Reuter.*

America Amazed.

Washington, Dec. 4.
The Soviet's reply to the appeal by the Powers against Manchuria has amazed the State Department officials who ask how Mr. Stimson's step could be interpreted otherwise than purely one of peace. The allegation of unjustifiable pressure is denied.—*Reuter's American Service.*

American Press Comment.

New York, Dec. 4.
The independent New York Times is gratified at Mr. Stimson's reply to the Soviet and China, and declares it realises the main purpose of the Kellogg treaties, namely to enable the United States to co-operate in the work of peace as if it were a member of the League of Nations. It is true the treaties have established no machinery for peace, but any future threat to peace will now bring into play some such machinery as Mr. Stimson has improvised for this occasion.

The Government organ the *Herald Tribune*, criticises the Government for intervening "in the frolics of bandit gangs among the Tartar peoples of north-eastern Asia" and urges it not to allow "an inconsequential imbroglio ten thousand miles away to endanger the great benefits of peace which may be obtained at the London naval conference."—*Reuter's American Service.*

OIL POOL GROUPING.

SIR H. DETERDING SPEAKS.

Chicago, later.
Sir Henri Deterding, addressing the petroleum Convention, consisting of three thousand leaders of the oil industry, urged the creation of an "association of co-operation" and declared the consequences of a waste of oil on the far future were not calculable and amounted to "a crime against civilisation."

He urged oil men first to adopt a practical scientific viewpoint, secondly to concentrate on quality, thirdly to remember that production once created in a foreign country must be sold there and over-production in the United States and an attempt to prevent that sale was contrary to commonsense, fourthly that any way such a situation only leads to Government restriction, fifthly an excess of facilities must eventually raise prices, giving the producer the odium instead of the benefit, and sixthly that with dozens of large producers and marketers joint action is essential. "We must sink vanity and aim at sound business."

Mr. Harry Sinclair was re-elected a director of the Institute.—*Reuter's American Service.*

LINGNAN COLLEGE.

UNIVERSITY TO CELEBRATE 25TH ANNIVERSARY.

The Lingnan University will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of its establishment at Hong Lok, Canton, on the 6th and 7th of December with an elaborate programme running through two days. Among the main features of the celebration will be the dedication of the Agricultural Hall and breaking ground for the Engineering Building. These formal ceremonies will take place on Friday, the 6th, beginning at 9.30, followed by the unveiling of the Wisner memorial tablet, the agricultural conference, presentation of academic papers, athletic contests, and evening entertainments.

Academic procession, anniversary service, alumni meeting, costume parade, military drill, boy scouts exhibits, football, banquet, play, moving picture, etc. comprise the programme of the second day. In addition, many departments of the University will hold exhibits on both days, to include biology, chemistry, physics, library, history of the Institution, agriculture, sericulture, sub-collegiate schools, and the Students Christian Association.

The Agricultural Hall, the first building of the College of Agriculture, is a gift of ten Chinese friends, while the Engineering building is the first building of the College of Engineering, a new college created by the Ministry of Railways. The Wisner memorial tablet is a tribute of the student body to the bearer of the name, who was one of the founders of the University, her former president and dean. The University will also take opportunity to show gratitude to all her donors by the publicity of their names, unveiling their memorials in various forms, and holding special receptions for them. Many prominent agriculturists of China will present papers at the Conference. A number of the faculty will give addresses in various lines of study. A group of Government representatives and notables will be present at the festivals.



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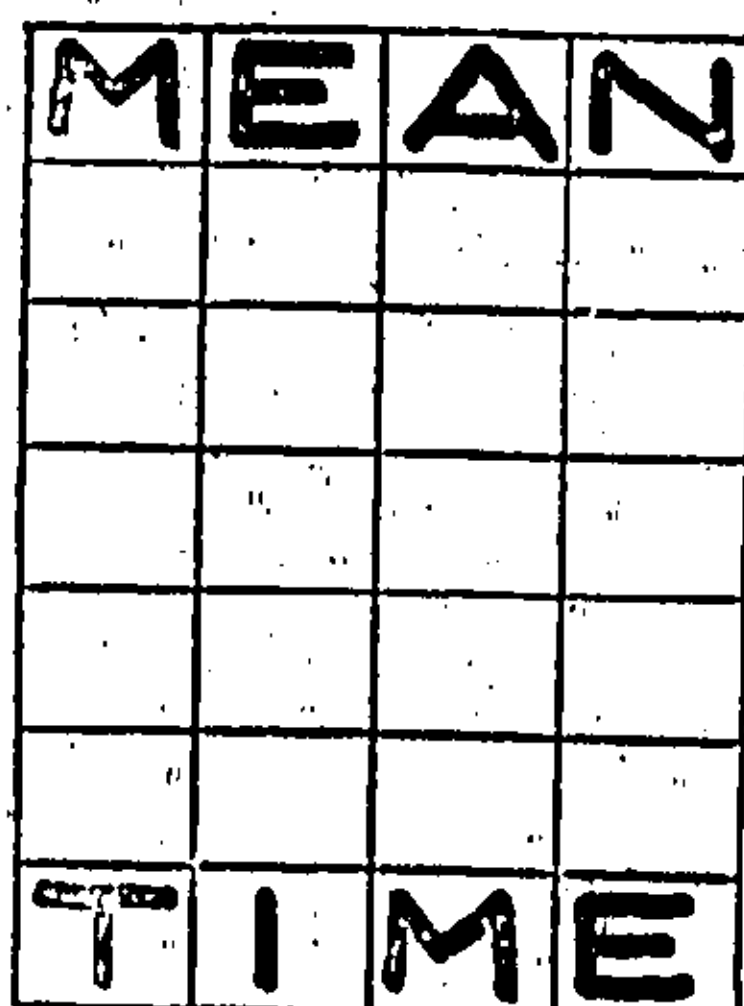
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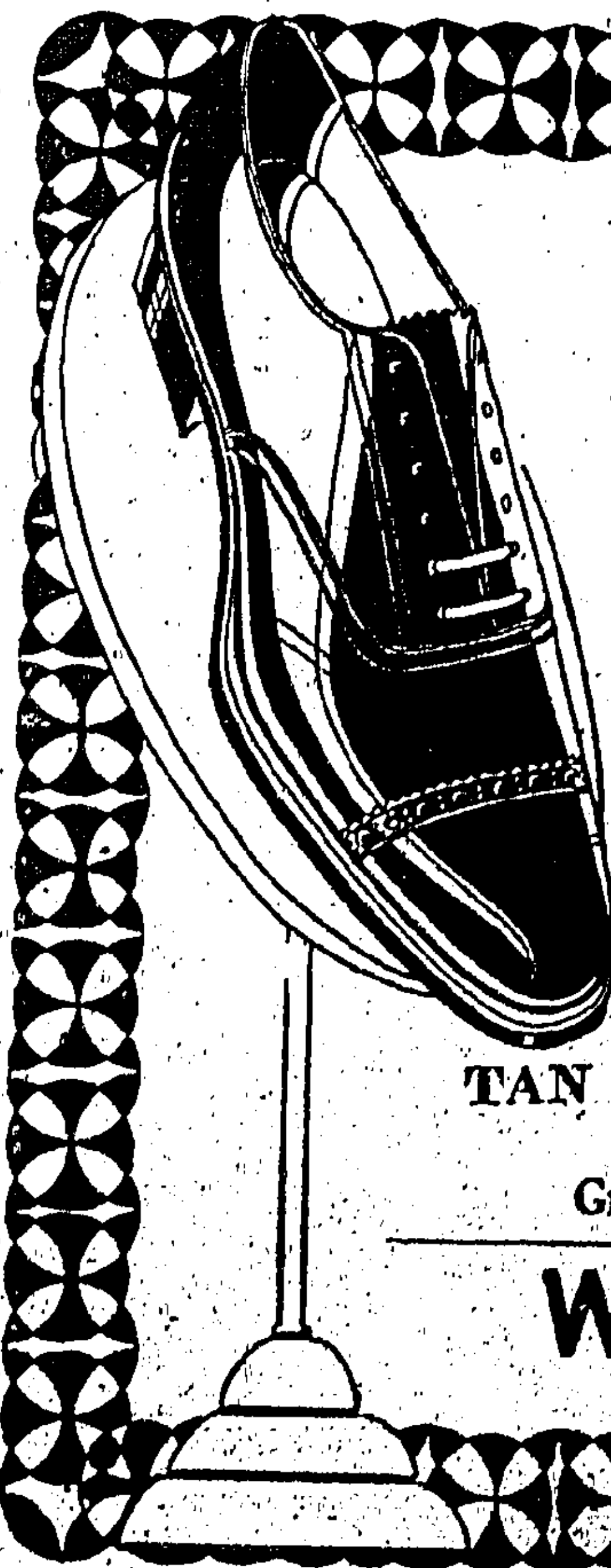
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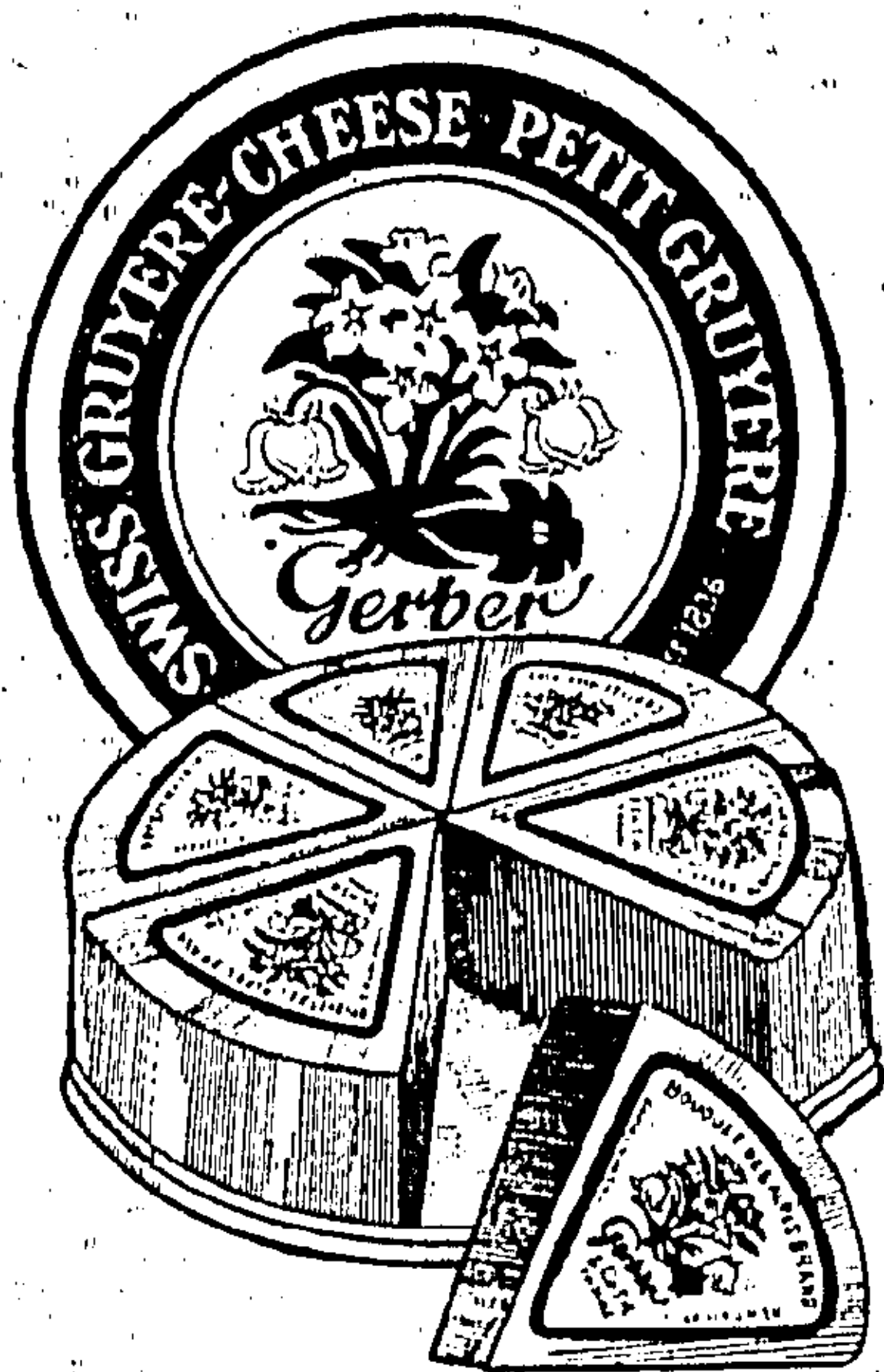
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EXHIBITION OPENS AT
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The local Radio Exhibition at the City Hall will be officially opened at 5.55 p.m. to-day, when the Hon. Mr. W. P. Southern, Colonial Secretary, will make a speech. Mr. Southern's speech will be broadcast from Z.B.W.

Listeners are once more urged to make a point of visiting the exhibition, so that they may see the latest and best in radio equipment. The exhibition remains open until Saturday, when a fancy dress ball will conclude the display.

To-day's Programme.

Broadcast by Z.B.W. on 355 metres.
"Early Ragtime Memories."
Jack Hylton and his Orchestra.
"Just Like a Butterfly," (Woods).
"Gonna get a Girl," (Lewis, Simon and Ash).
Melville Gideon, Baritone.
"Idylle (Edward Elgar).
"Evensong," (Easthope Martin).
Herbert Dawson.
"Scented Soap," (Weston).
"Nagasaki," (Dixon and Warren).
Gracie Fields, Comedienne.
"New Moon," Selection, (Romberg).
"Wake up and Dream," Selection, (Porter).
New Mayfair Orchestra.
"The Smuggler's Song," (Mortimer).
"Boots," (McCall).
Peter Dawson, Bass-Baritone.
"Police Officer's Holiday—One-Step," (Ewing).
"Wee Macgregor Patrol," (Amers).
The Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards.
"Thinking of You," (Five o'clock Girl)—Ruby.
"Marigold," (Boyd).
Winnie Melville and Derek Oldham, Vocal Duet.
5.55 p.m. Relay from the City Hall of the opening by the Hon. Mr. W. P. Southern, C.M.G. of the Radio Exhibition.
6.10 p.m. Gramophone programme continued.
"Morning, Noon and Night in Vienna," (Suppe).
Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra.
"The old sweet song," (Caprice Viennese).
"Love's Dream," (Liebestraum No. 3) (arr. Besty).
Winnie Melville and Derek Oldham, Duet.
"One Kiss," (New Moon—Romberg).
"Softly as in a Morning Sunrise," (New Moon—Romberg).
De Groot and His Orchestra.
"I lift my finger and I say," "Twice, Twice," (Sarony).
"She's funny that way," (Whiting and More).
Gracie Fields, Comedienne.
"Mister Cinders,"—Vocal Gems, (Ellis and Myers).
"Wake up and Dream,"—Vocal Gems, (Porter).
Light Opera Company.
"Love's Garden of Roses," (Haydn Wood).
"Chanson (In Love)," (Friml).
Reginald Foot. "Rattle of Spring," (Sinding).
"My Darling Waltz," (Waldteufel).
Marek Weber and His Orchestra.
7.00 p.m. Chinese Studio Concert.
9.00 p.m. European gramophone

BANNOCKBURN SITE.

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London, Dec. 4. The site of the Battle of Bannockburn, near Stirling, Scotland, where over six hundred years ago the Scottish army of King Robert the Bruce gained a victory over the army of King Edward the Second of England, is to be preserved as a national park.—*British Wireless.*

programme.
"The Daughter of the Regiment," (Donizetti).
Members of La Scala Orchestra.
"Wake up and Dream," (Porter).
"What is this thing called Love," (Wake up and Dream—Porter).
George Maxana, Tenor.
"Dreams of Yesterday," (Waller and Tunbridge).
"Was it a Dream?" (Conlaw, Spier and Brilt).
F. Rowland—Tina, F.R.C.G.
"My Blue Heaven," (Whiting and Donaldson).
"Because I Love You," (Berlin).
Gracie Fields, Comedienne.
"A Kettle Lament," (Faulds).
"Valse Triste," (Sibelius).
Victor Olof Sextet.
"The Singing Fool," Selection, De Groot and His Orchestra.
"Now Sleeps the Crimson Betal," (Quiller).
"I know of two Bright Eyes," (Cluteam).
Derek Oldham, Tenor.
"Before I go to Sleep," (The Lay of the Lady's Vote).
Dyrenforth and Carroll Gibbons.
Anona Winn with George Baker.
"The Merry Widow,"—Selection, (Lehar).
De Groot and His Orchestra.
"I kiss your hand, Madam," (Erwin).
"Up in the Clouds," (Five o'clock Girl)—Ruby.
"The Gipsy Princess,"—Potpourri, (Kalmann).
Ferdinand Kauffmann and His Orchestra.
"Glad Rag Doll," (Gilbert, Maud and Bourne).
"A Dicky Bird told me so," (Ann Penn, Comedienne).
"Valse Mystique," (Meale).
"Souvenir Di Valentino," (Wood).
Arthur Meale.
"Londonderry Air," (arr. Coleman).
"Le Cygne," (Saint-Saens).
De Groot (Violin), David Bor (Pianoforte) H. M. Calve (Cello).
"Dear Little Cafe," ("Bitter Sweet"—Coward).
"I'll see you again," Peggy Wood and George Maxana, Vocal Duet.
"Henry VIII" Dance, (Shenherd's Dance), (Edward German).
"Henry VIII" Dance, (a) Morris Dance (b) Torch Dance.
New Symphonv Orchestra.
"My Ohio Home," (Donaldson).
"Ee, By Gum!" (Friml).
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"Jolly Fellows—Waltz," (Vollstedt).
"Annouance—Waltz," (Berger).
International Novelty Orchestra.
10.30 p.m. News bulletin.
11.00 p.m. Close down.

PRINCE OF WALES FLIES

PILOTS FAIREY-NAPIER PLANE.

London, Dec. 4. The Prince of Wales took part in one of the final test flights of the huge Fairey Napier long-range aeroplane, in which two Air Force officers, Squadron-Leader Jones Williams and Flying-Officer Jenkins, are to attempt this month to create a new long-distance record. The Prince made a flight of some hours, and for a time took over the controls, it being the first occasion he had piloted a machine of this size. The monoplane, which yesterday was flown to the aerodrome at Cranwell, Lincolnshire, from Northolt, will fly in a straight line to South Africa, six thousand miles distant, and it is hoped the present world non-stop flight record of four thousand nine hundred miles will be broken. The machine will carry more fuel than on its non-stop flight to India last spring, and will this time be equipped with a special compact wireless set which will enable the airmen to keep in contact and record the progress of the flight. The machine's aneroid will be equipped with a contrivance which gives audible warning when it descends below a certain level. The monoplane has a 630 horsepower Napier engine.—*British Wireless.*

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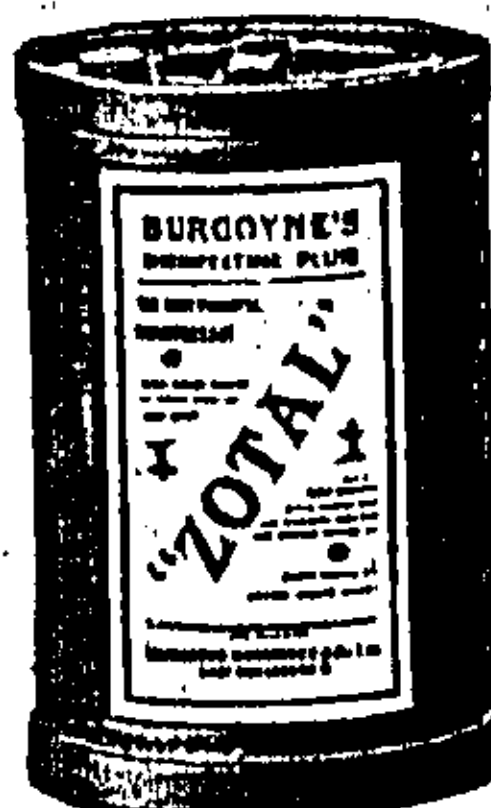
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by Anne Austin

THIS HAS HAPPENED.

Bonnie Dundee, "cul" detective, rents a room at Mrs. Rhodes' boarding house to be near Mrs. Emma Hogarth, who has applied to the police for protection, throwing suspicion on Emil Sevier, a former boarder. Dundee meets the boarder, Mr. Strawn, Sharp, Daisy Shepherd, saleswoman; Walter Styles, proprietor of a small haberdashery; Nora Palmer, his fiancée; Bert Magnus, amateur scenario writer; Cora Barker, theatre pianist; Henry Dowd, newcomer out of work, and Daisy, worthless husband of Mrs. Rhodes.

Norma introduces Dundee to Mrs. Hogarth after dinner but he gets only a few minutes' chat with her alone. He leaves at 11, promising to return later. He comes back at 12:10 to find her choked to death. Lieutenant Strawn, homicide squad chief, immediately sends a man to check up on Sevier, who it is learned left town "hatless on the one o'clock train." A Dr. Weeks reports having seen a man running down the alley at 12:10 as he went to get his car to make a call. Dundee, stationed behind a screen, takes notes as he is called. Cora Barker comes in.

CHAPTER X.

The Cora Barker whom Bonnie Dundee had met at dinner that evening had been a woman possessed of a queer sort of beauty, exotic and largely artificial though that beauty was. A woman gallant, holding age at bay, convincing herself and almost convincing her world that she was a charming girl of 25 or 28, instead of a defeated, frustrated, heart-hungry woman of near 40. Then it was only her thin, dry-skinned hands which had betrayed her age, if one were so foolish as to look at them rather than into her great, shining black eyes.

But the face of the woman who hesitated at the door of the room where murder had been committed was a ravaged thing. The eyes were like burned holes in a yellow blanked. Her right hand was pressed hard against her heart; the left, freshly bandaged, hung at her side. Small wonder that Bonnie Dundee almost betrayed his presence behind the screen.

"You're Miss Barker?" Strawn asked briskly, when he had dismissed Patrolman Boyle and had waved the woman to a chair close to the dead woman's desk, at which he himself was seated.

"Cora Barker," she answered. "You occupy the room next to this?"

"Yes, sir, the east corner room."

"You know, of course, that Mrs. Hogarth was murdered tonight?"

Strawn was brutally direct.

"A man—a detective, I suppose he was—knocked at my door and told me so," Cora answered unsteadily.

"And that was the first you knew of it?"

"Why—of course!" she gasped. "Where were you this evening, Miss Barker, between 11 and 12:15?"

"I was at the Little Queen Theatre from 11 till 12, and then—"

"The movie closes at 11, doesn't it?" Strawn interrupted.

"The last show is over at 11—yes," Cora answered. "I play the piano there, and I had to stay after the show to go over the score of the music for Sunday's picture with the new violinist, Mr. Frankel. We finished at half-past 11, and then I waited in the lobby or on the sidewalk in front of the theatre until 12."

"Why?"

"I was waiting for Mr. Magnus—Mr. Herbert S. Magnus, one of the boarders here," Cora replied, her voice quivering. "He had promised to call for me after theatre closing to take me out to supper and walk home with me."

"And when did he come—12 o'clock?" Strawn prodded.

The thin shoulders shrugged and then sagged wearily. "He—didn't come," she admitted. "He had promised to be there about half-past 11, and I waited till 12. I might have waited longer, but the theatre manager, Mr. Hartman, who had been in his office till then, came out and made some joke about—about my being 'stood up,' and I—I came home. Mr. Hartman and I walked about a block together, to where his car was parked on Fourth and Grand. He offered to drive me home, but since it was only a few blocks I decided to walk."

"What time was it when you got home?" Strawn asked.

"It's only six blocks from here to the theatre, so it couldn't have been later than 12:10," Cora answered. "I didn't look at my watch after I left the theatre—"

"Coming toward the house and up the front walk, did you see anyone?"

"No, no one at all. I glanced up at the house and saw that Mrs. Hogarth's light was on, but I thought nothing of it. She often sits up—I mean—"

"and her voice choked a little—she often sat up quite late."

"Did you notice any other lights on?"

"Upstairs, you mean?" Cora frowned in concentration. "No, Mr. Dowd's window was dark, I believe, but I did not particularly notice. Yes, I'm quite sure there

was no light in his room. My own window was dark, of course, and I couldn't see any others. The hall light was on downstairs, and the front door was still unlocked. I didn't see anyone downstairs as I came in, or upstairs either. I went straight to my room, and—"

"Did you hear any sounds at all from Mrs. Hogarth's room?"

"No, nothing!"

"Or any sound on the upstairs porch?"

"No, no noise of any kind."

"Did you look out of your windows, either or both of them?"

"No, I just pulled down the shades to undress. When I took off my dress—it's a new one—I saw that the plants in the skirt had been badly mashed, and I decided to press it, so I put on my kimono and connected up a little electric iron I have—"

"Rather late for a job like that, wasn't it? Tomorrow, or rather, today being Sunday?" Strawn suggested, his eyes narrowing upon her.

Dundee saw an ugly flush creep over the ghastly pallor of Cora Barker's face. "Yes, it was late, but I—well, you see, Mrs. Rhodes doesn't like us to use electric irons, and if I had waited till Sunday morning she might have—come into my room while I was pressing the dress, and—"

"I see," Strawn permitted himself a brief, twisted smile. "And then?"

"—burnt my hand, and had to stop and dress it. I keep a tube of salve in my room for burns and sunburn. I was pressing the dress when I heard someone knock on Mrs. Hogarth's door. I didn't look to see who it was, but I do remember thinking it odd that I didn't hear Mrs. Hogarth call out."

"Who is it?" as she always does—did. Then I heard her door open, and a few minutes later whoever it was that had entered came out and went downstairs. The house was still, and I could hear the footsteps. I got the impression somehow that something was wrong, but I didn't investigate, and really knew nothing about it until the man knocked at my door and told me that—"

Mrs. Hogarth was dead, and that I was to wait there until I was called for—"

"I see," Strawn commented thoughtfully, and Dundee, through the joining of the screen panels, saw Cora Barker draw a deep, quivering breath of relief that her ordeal was over.

"But it wasn't—"

"Now, Miss Barker, you say you saw no one or heard nothing when you came upstairs—"

"No, I didn't say that exactly," Cora interrupted. "I didn't see anyone, but I heard Bert's—I mean, Mr. Magnus's typewriter. His room is across the hall from mine, you know."

"And you didn't stop to speak to him, to ask him why he had failed to keep his appointment with you?"

The woman's flush deepened to dull crimson. "No, I—well, I was pretty angry with him, and—I have my pride—"

"You are in love with Mr. Magnus, Miss Barker?" Strawn asked bluntly.

"You have no right to ask me that!" she flashed, and the dead eyes burned briefly with an angry blaze.

"I see," Strawn drawled. "I take it, then, that you are no longer engaged to Emil Sevier?"

"Engaged to Emil Sevier?" Cora echoed. "I was never engaged to Emil Sevier! And we are no longer even friends—"

"But it was you who suggested that he come here to board, wasn't it, Miss Barker?"

"I worked with him at the Little Queen Theatre. He was violinist and I was pianist. He asked me if I could recommend this as a boarding place, and I did, of course. We were together a good deal, because of our work and because we both love music, but—"

"You saw Sevier to-night?" Strawn cut in sharply.

Dundee saw that Cora was about to lie, then changed her mind. She flung up her head defiantly. "He stopped at my piano to wish me good-bye. He said he was going to Chicago on the 1 o'clock train, to look for a new job."

"Isn't it true, Miss Barker, that Sevier asked you to do him a little favour before he left?" Strawn's voice was lazily pleasant, almost coaxing.

"A favour?" Cora echoed, her eyes dilating. "What do you mean?"

"I mean," Strawn said very slowly and distinctly, "that Sevier asked you to help him rob Mrs. Emma Hogarth."

Cora Barker sprang to her feet. "That's not true! That's a lie, I tell you—"

"You don't mean to tell me, Miss Barker, that you didn't know Emil Sevier had planned, even attempted, to rob Mrs. Hogarth?" Strawn smiled.

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The exhibition of Italian art will be held at Burlington House. There are 300 pictures coming from Italy, of which 230 are old and seventy modern, together with a wonderful collection of statues, old furniture, lace, ivory and bronzes.

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The exhibition, which opens on January 1, will last until March 8. In addition to Italy's great contribution, King George and other British art lovers are lending works from their private collections, and the United States, France, Germany, Belgium, Holland and other countries are contributing to the exhibition.—*British Wireless.*

WAR OPERATIONS CONTINUE.

SUSPICIOUS KUOMINCHUN MOVEMENTS.

Shanghai, Dec. 4.

According to a Hankow message of December 3 despatches from Honan declare that the Government forces continue to push westward and that they have now occupied Shanchow and Lingpao.

It is stated that a concerted push will be started towards Tung-kwan within a week. Meanwhile troops are continually passing through Hankow on their way to Nanking. The Special Political Staff, which hitherto has remained in Wuhan, is also moving towards the capital.

All units of the First and Second Divisions have now arrived at Hankow and are relieving the Whampoa Cadets from garrison duties. The first batch of the latter arrived from down the river on Monday. The situation everywhere continues quiet.—*Reuter.*

Change of Plan?

Shanghai, Dec. 4.
A Hankow message of December 3 states that contrary to expectations, Liu Shih is remaining in north-east Hupeh, and the troops in that region, who had concentrated at Fancheng for despatch to Kwangtung, have also been ordered to remain.

The reason for this sudden change of policy is not ascertainable, but it is believed that the Kuominchun in South Shensi is again making suspicious moves, despite the recent armistice.

It is also reported this evening that skirmishes have again broken out on the Lung-hai railway, where the Kuominchun commanders resent the further westward advance of the Government armies.

Renewed activity is in evidence at headquarters here, and a number of the headquarters staff recently granted leave are now being recalled to their duties.—*Reuter.*

Later Reports.

Hankow, Dec. 4.
Liu Shih returned here unannounced late last night, and now

SHIP ASHORE.

BRITISH STEAMER SAID TO BE DOOMED.

Pago-Pago, Samoa, Dec. 4.

"Going fast" was the signal from the British steamer Norwich City on November 30, ashore on Gardner Island, eighty miles south-west of Honolulu. This resulted in a rush of ships to the rescue and at length a wireless has been received from the steamer Troncare that she and another steamer the Lincoln Ellsworth, sighted the Norwich City to-day, beached, but a heavy surf, breaking on the reefs surrounding the island, hampered the rescuers.

Hitherto three of the crew have been taken on the Troncare. Eleven were drowned when the Norwich City struck the rocks.

The vessel is probably a total loss.

Twenty Men Marooned.

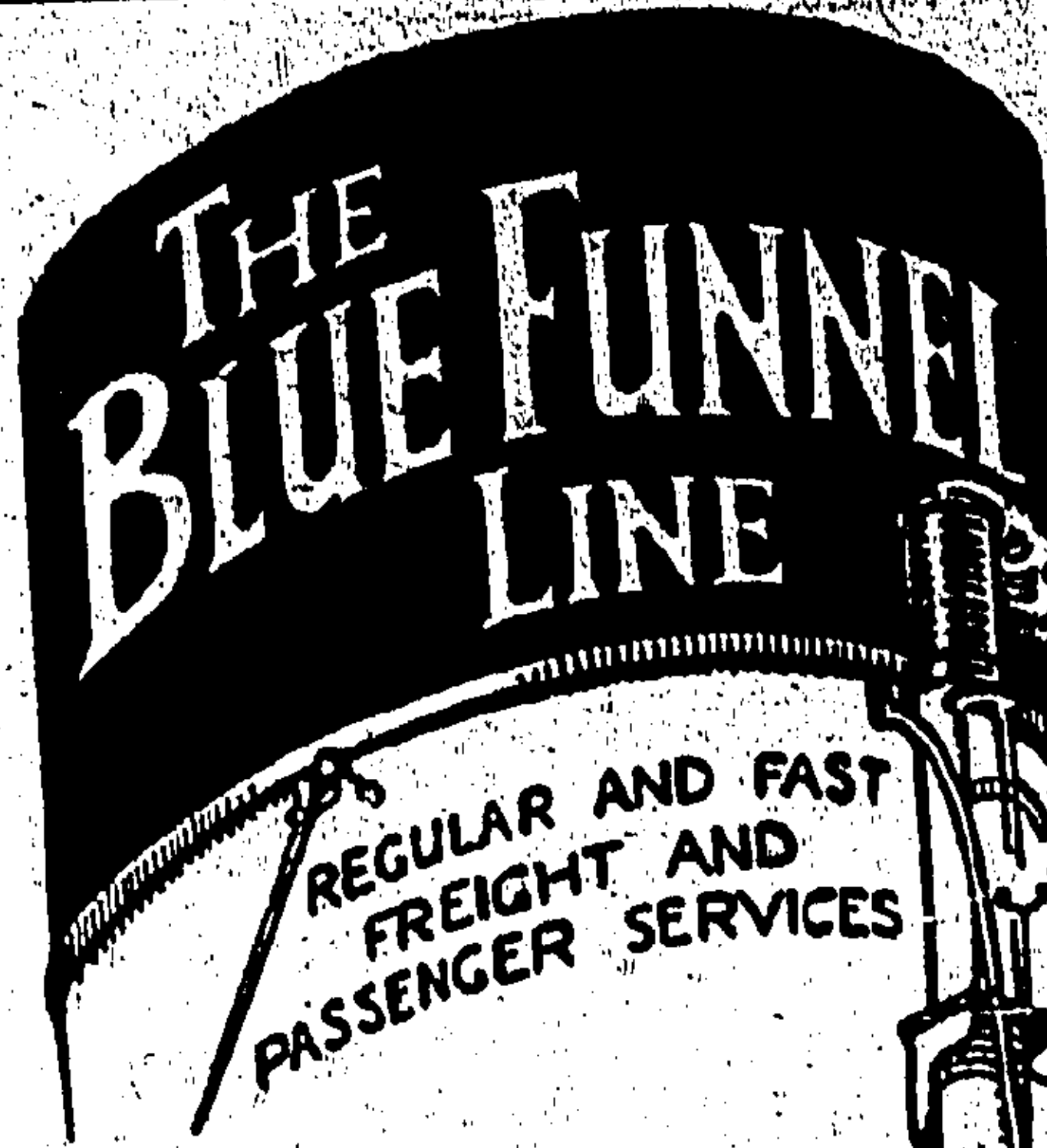
Pago-Pago, later.

Twenty of the crew of the Norwich City are marooned on Gardner Island, lacking food and water, heavy seas and dangerous coral reefs preventing their rescue.—*Reuter.*

The Norwich City is a steel screw steamer of 5,587 tons, built in 1911 by W. Gray and Co., Ltd., W. Hartlepool, and owned by the St. Just S. S. Co., Ltd., her port of registry being Bideford.]

It is officially denied that there is any cause to apprehend a further attack from Shensi. Definite orders have now been issued for the closing of the Generalissimo's local headquarters, and Chang Chih-chung, Chief-of-Staff, is going to the capital.

Travellers from the Loyang vicinity confirm that the Kuominchun troops have completely evacuated the Lung-hai area, abandoning six armoured trains and a large amount of supplies.—*Reuter.*



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A delicate touch which was much appreciated by the guests present was given by the Chairman (Mr. S. Kinoshita, local manager of the N.Y.K.), who proposed the toast to H. M. the King of England. The Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern responded by toasting His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Japan, following which the Chairman said that, speaking on behalf of the N.Y.K., he could not find sufficient words to express his appreciation and gratitude for the honour of the presence of so many distinguished guests aboard the new ship on the occasion of her initial call at this port, which will be the regular home port for her and other ships of the company's Pacific fleet.

It had been the desire of the N.Y.K. for years past to bring about an improvement in the trans-Pacific service by making new additions to the fleet to meet the requirements of the travelling public, and to cope with the future expansion of trade. It was thus decided to build three new motor ships for the Californian service, and three more for the Seattle service. The Asama Maru was the first of the new ships to be employed on the former service. The builders were the Mitsui Bussan Dockyard Company of Nagasaki. The keel was laid in September 1927, she was launched in October, 1928, and completed fitting-up in August 1929, being equipped with Diesel engines which enabled her to attain more than 21 knots during her speed trials.

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Colonial Secretary's Reply.

In reply, the Colonial Secretary expressed thanks on behalf of all present for the wonderful hospitality shown by the N.Y.K. and the officers of the ship. He recalled the conditions under which he travelled many years ago when he first came East, with the accommodation offered by the Asama Maru, and expressed the opinion that the steamer quarters of that ship was superior to the first class

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The speaker concluded by wishing the N.Y.K. and the officers of the Asama Maru success in the new venture. Mr. M. Nonomura, the Acting-Consul General for Japan, said that a merchant ship carries not only cargoes of merchandise but cargoes of culture, and consequently those cities which were the ports of the world were always ahead of inland cities appertaining to civilisation. He saw in Hongkong an instance of this fact. (Loud applause.) It was a common saying amongst scholars and thinkers that civilisation as known to the Western mind, was moving from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean, and it was not denied that the cultures of the East and of the West were culminating in perfection in the Orient.

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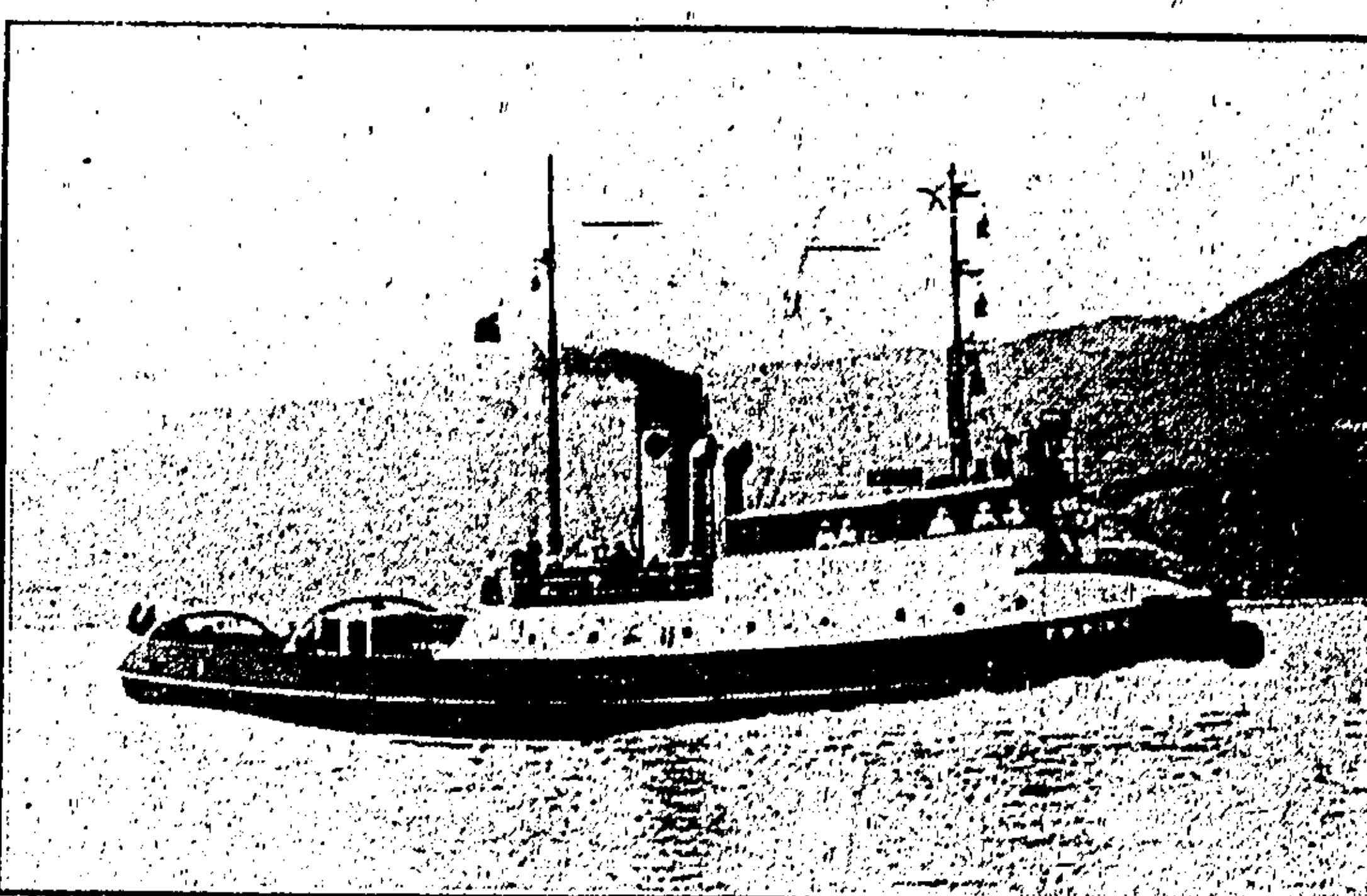
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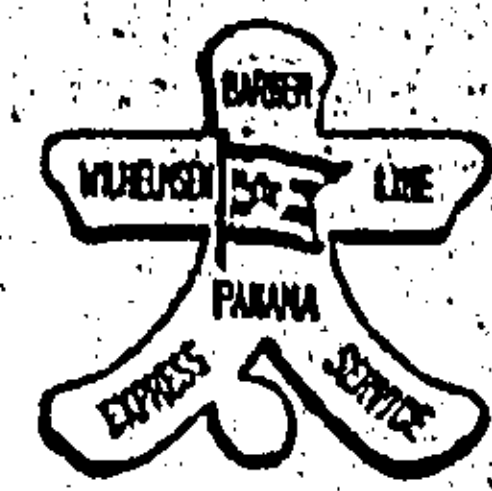
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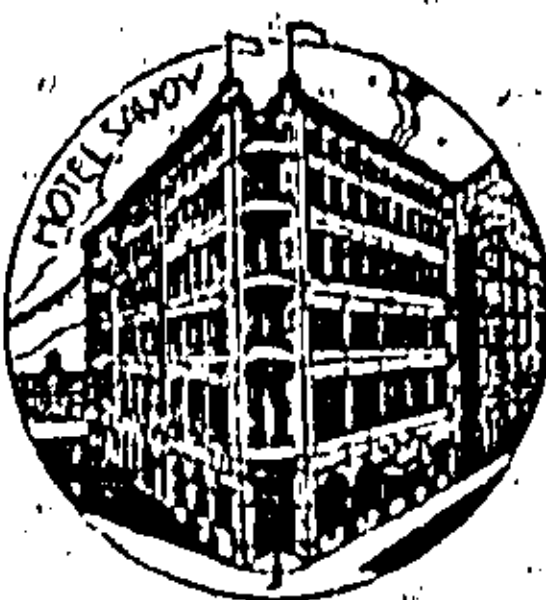
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PORTCURNIO ARRIVES WITH A
COAL CARGO.

A vessel new to the port figured in this morning's Harbour Office reports, this being the s.s. Portcurnio, which brought in 6,300 tons of coal. Chartered by the Admiralty, she left Newport on August 30 for Hongkong. The vessel is under the command of Capt. Niblett and has a crew of 36.

The Portcurnio was built in 1924 at Stockton by Craig, Taylor & Co. for W. E. Hinde & Co. She has a gross tonnage of 4,372 and a net tonnage of 2,638. Registered at Cardiff, she is 380 feet long, 52 feet wide and 25.3 feet deep. Her engines were installed by Blair & Co. and are capable of developing 383 N.H.P.

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EUROPEAN'S TEETH BROKEN.

VIOLENT STRUGGLE WITH A
RETURNED BANISHEE.

SERGEANT'S TUSSLE.

A European Sergeant of the Hongkong Police Force and a Chinese banishee were the only figures in a street drama, the outcome of which was the loss of two false teeth by the police officer and 12 months hard labour for his assailant.

The circumstances were detailed to Mr. A.W.G.H. Grantham at the Central Magistracy this morning when Lui Seng was charged with assaulting a police officer whilst in the pursuit of his duty, and secondly with returning from banishment.

This was the story related by Sergeant Howarth to the magistrate: At 2.50 this morning I was on duty in Connaught Road Central. I was outside Nos. 30 and 32, where repairs are being carried out, and which have scaffolding up to the first floor. I saw the defendant crouching down on his knees on the first landing, and when I asked him what he was doing, he got up and ran down into Douglas Street. I followed him and he went into Li Yuen Street East, where I lost sight of him. I returned to Connaught Road, where I took up a position in the dark behind a pillar, and after standing there about ten minutes, I saw the defendant come up to the scaffolding. As he was taking a good look round I stepped out and tried to catch hold of him, but he ran into Pottinger Street, from there into Des Voeux Road Central and thence into Li Yuen Street, where I arrested him. I took him back to 30-32 Connaught Road and asked him why he went there. He replied that he came to see his brother, but amended this to say that he went there to sleep. I told him we would go to the Police Station, but he immediately started to struggle very violently and tried to throw me down. I put my whistle to my mouth to call for assistance, but the defendant struck it out and at the same time broke two of my false teeth. I then succeeded in taking him to the Central Police Station.

The defendant, who presented a rather sorry figure in the dock, nursed a thumb, which the Sergeant had put out of joint during the struggle, said he did not know what happened to the Sergeant's teeth. He did not assault him but the officer broke his thumb. He had come from the country and went to 30 Connaught Road in order to sleep. He denied assaulting the policeman. He intended to come to Hongkong to get a few dollars in order to start a business in the country.

On the charge of assault, the defendant was sentenced to six months hard labour, and on the second count of returning from banishment, 6 months and 24 strokes. It was stated that the man was banished in June last for ten years.

SHANGHAI INVITE EXPLAINED.

ADVICE ON MUNICIPAL
REFORMS.

COMMONS STATEMENT.

London, Dec. 4.
In the House of Commons, arising out of the forthcoming mission of Mr. Justice Peckham, the Chief Justice of South Africa, to investigate municipal conditions in Shanghai, Mr. Somervell asked whether the British Government were co-operating in the investigation, which was an Imperial issue. In reply, Mr. Gillett, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated that the Consul General at Shanghai had reported that Mr. Justice Peckham had been asked whether, in the event of the Municipal Council inviting him to act as their adviser for the purpose of examining the problem of municipal reform in the International Settlement, in the light of Chinese aspirations, he would accept. Mr. Gillett gathered from the Press that the invitation had been accepted.

The Shanghai Municipal Council, said Mr. Gillett, took this action without first consulting His Majesty's Government. They explained to the Consul-General that they were anxious not to embarrass the British Government, and that for this reason the Government were not being asked to accept any responsibility in the matter.

Consequently, added Mr. Gillett, the British Government was not co-operating, but it would watch the developments. —*Reuter and British Wireless.*

The anticyclone remains stationary over the lower Yangtze Valley and a depression is approaching the Southern Seas. Fresh to strong monsoon will prevail along the coast and over the China Sea. The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—N.E. winds, fresh; fair.

THROUGH THE EYES OF A SOLDIER.

HOW SIR VICTOR MACKENZIE
SAW KOWLOON.

"HORNETS & SNAKES."

Kowloon was painted in anything but a favourable light by Lieut.-Col. Sir Victor Mackenzie in the course of an address to the members of the Aberdeen Rotary Club, on October 17th, dealing with the experiences of the 2nd Battalion of the Scots Guards, of whom he was in command, during their stay in the Colony.

According to a report of the address in the *Aberdeen Weekly Journal*, Sir Victor Mackenzie conveyed to all a wonderfully realistic idea of the conditions under which British troops served at that time. The report continues:

"The Scots Guards arrived at a town, opposite the island of Hongkong, on the mainland and, while the conditions were reminiscent of active service, they were not actually so, as the troops' job was not to fight, but simply to protect the British residents. The task was different to that of troops on ordinary garrison duty abroad, however, as there were no regular barracks, and, what with the terrible climate of South China, unbearable heat night and day, a frightfully damp atmosphere, periods of torrential rains which flooded the streets knee-deep, very often accompanied by typhoons which caused severe havoc to property, and sometimes human life; and, last, but by no means least, the continual pest of mosquitoes, hornets, and snakes, their lot was anything but pleasant."

"The food was very bad, added Sir Victor, and, in the same breath and amid laughter, 'really I cannot think of anything that was good.' Most of the troops felt anything but well during the whole of the six months they were at this place, though when they shifted to a camp twenty miles inland, things were a little more tolerable."

A HOUSE COOLIE SENTENCED.

ROBBED KOWLOON RESIDENT
OF THIRTY DOLLARS.

TWO MONTHS IN GAOL.

During a brief interval, while there was nobody in the room, the house coolie in the employ of Mr. H. H. Large, of 2, Torres Buildings, opened the safe in which his master kept his money and stole \$30 which he later concealed under the carpet in the sitting room.

Immediately the loss was discovered at 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday last, the police were summoned and the servants questioned, it being suspected that the thief must have been one of the menials of the establishment as Mrs. Large had only left the room for a very short interval.

Certain articles were found among the coolie's belongings that led the police to question him closely. He later admitted that he had stolen the money which he had hidden under the centre of the big carpet in the sitting room.

On admitting the charge before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning the coolie was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

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RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA.

(Continued from Page 1.)

is the reason why the Government are undertaking their present policy."

Religious Questions.
Lord Reading (Liberal), approved the Government's policy as sound, wise and in the interests of real security for universal peace. He said he would have preferred to see an agreement definitely setting down the terms of relations that

were to exist before the exchange of Ambassadors, but he hoped that when the conditions were laid down they would be as definite and precise as possible.

The Archbishop of Canterbury drew attention to the attitude of the Soviet Government towards Christianity and all forms of religion, and said he had received information that there was now a cessation of the more flagrant violations of the elementary principles of justice. He believed there would be a greater chance of securing some alleviation of the difficult position of religious people in Russia if representations could be made through the ordinary diplomatic

JAPANESE MINISTER TO CHINA.

APPOINTMENT OFFERED TO
MR. ORATA.

Tokyo, Dec. 5.
It is authoritatively stated that Mr. Torikichi Orata has been offered the appointment of Minister to China. His acceptance of the position is considered probable. —*Reuter.*

means to the Soviet Government. —*Reuter and British Wireless.*

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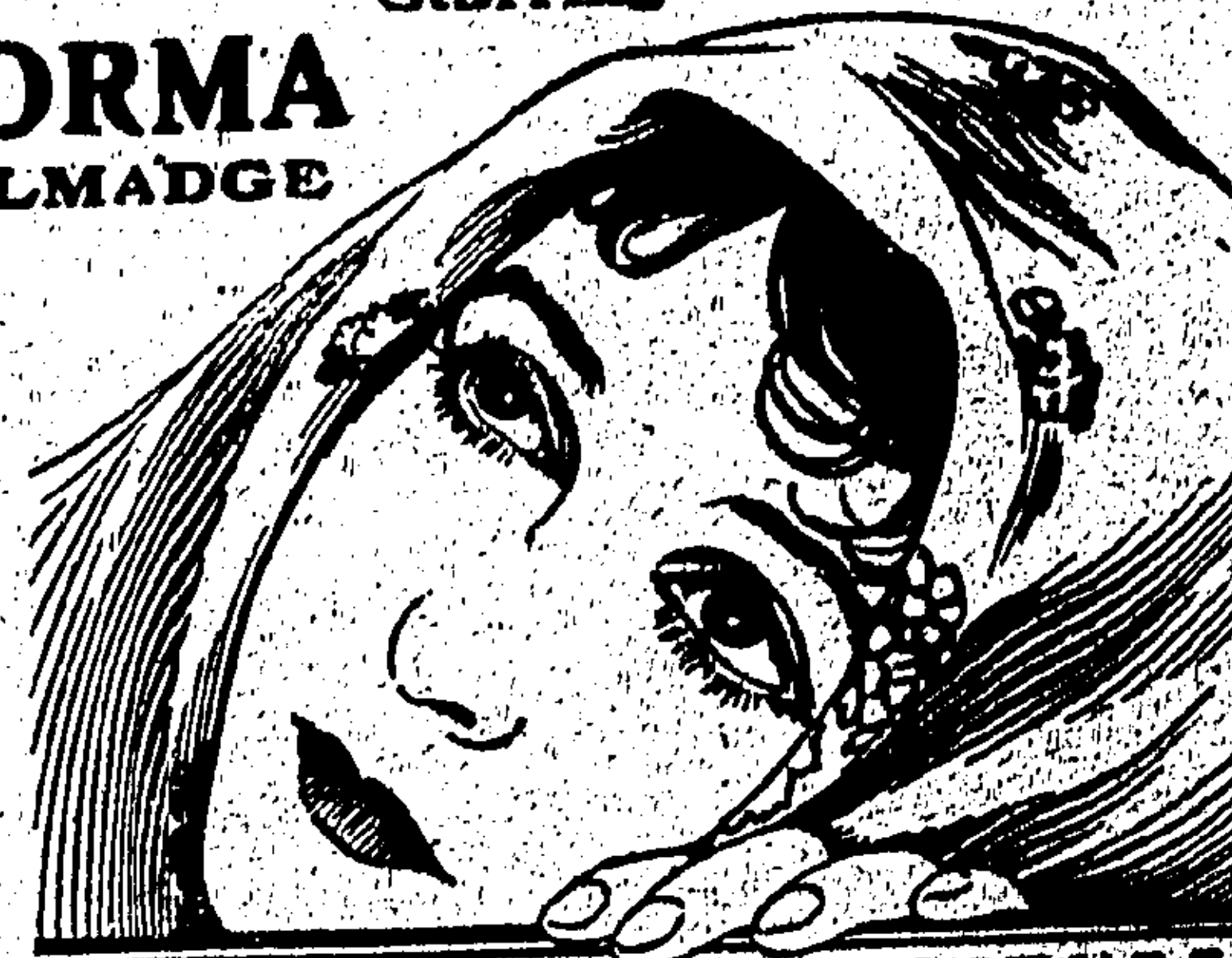
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